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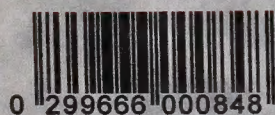
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Future Canadian peacekeepers? These youngsters enjoy one of the rides during the weekend's Haliburton County Fair in Minden. Organizers made sure there were many new events for people of all ages to enjoy. More photos on page

On the map:

Provincial mapmakers cope with all the new changes

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

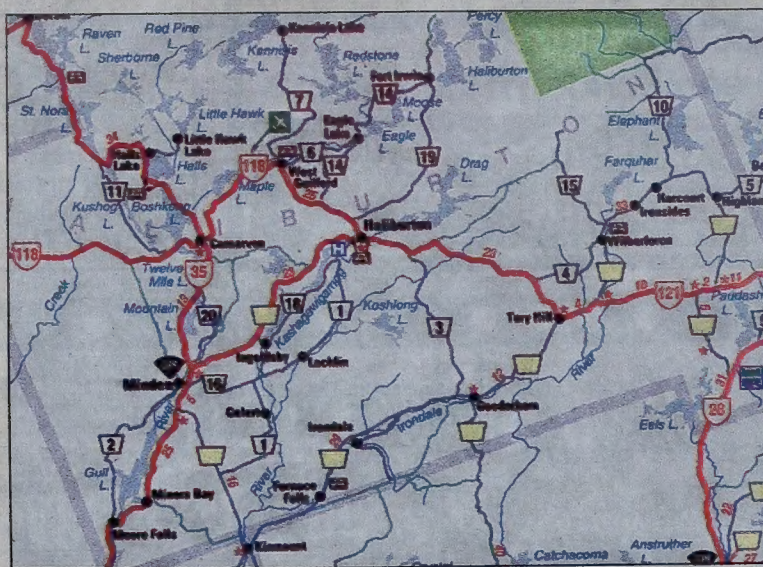
With a province the size of Ontario, helping travellers find their way from Point A to Point B can be like trying to direct someone out of a hedge maze - too many options on which path to choose.

The recent transfer of several former highways from the province to counties has not made it any easier.

While some counties, such as Haliburton, have given the new county roads the same numerical designation as the former provincial highways, other counties have re-numbered the roads through their jurisdictions. As a result, you can travel along Haliburton County Road 503, but when you cross the border into Victoria County it's number 45, which is the same as

Simcoe County's. (Victoria County had originally planned to re-number Hwy 121 south of Kinmount, but agreed to Haliburton's request to keep it at 121.)

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This is the first draft of new provincial road map

High school teachers strongly endorse strike vote

PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

As the clock ticks closer to the beginning of the school year, it looks increasingly possible area secondary school teachers will be putting together picket signs instead of lesson plans for Sept. 8.

With just three days of mediation scheduled before the end of summer holidays to negotiate a completely new collective bargaining agreement, an overwhelming majority of public high school teachers has endorsed a strike mandate.

At a meeting Tuesday, 89 per cent of teachers who cast anonymous ballots supported strike action, should negotiations break down with the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

There are 430 teachers at the board's seven public high schools. It's unknown how many of them participated in the strike vote. Peter Carroll, bargaining unit president for the teachers, didn't return the Echo's phone calls.

The area's new school board is trying to create a single collective bargaining agreement for high school teachers to replace the three that have been in place since January when the former boards in Haliburton County, Muskoka and Victoria County amalgamated.

Under the provincial government's controversial Bill 160, which set off last fall's province-wide teachers' strike, all current teachers' contracts will be terminated at the end of the month.

But the teachers' union is
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Cautionary words on fire insurance

BEV MACDUFF has a word of caution to business owners about their fire insurance: make sure you have an accurate idea of how much it would cost to rebuild your business so you know how much to insure it for. Her business, BMD Restaurant in Gooderham, burnt down earlier this summer and as she researched the cost of re-building, she discovered there had been a massive overhaul of the building codes this past spring. For instance, if you have a restaurant that seats more than 30 people, you must have a professional architect and engineer work on the plans. This can add tens of thousands of dollars to the replacement cost, payments she did not expect she'd need to make, and therefore did not have coverage for. She advises everyone to check their policies and be aware of any rules which may affect the costs

of replacing a business in today's terms.

Audiences at this summer's last performance of Live! And in Your Face! can have a fun evening and help the

jects. The curtain is at 8:30 p.m. and tickets are available at the door.

For people who have been enjoying the artisans' demonstrations next to vanLieshout Realty in

ning; August 26, Judy Chapman/weaving, Gary Chapman/painting and Amanda Wilkinson/native artwork; August 29, John Kaufman/woodwork; August 31, Charles O'Neil, painting. The demonstrations are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

here, there & everywhere — news and events worth noting



ARTIST AT WORK: Barbara-Joy Peel of Stoneware Pottery in Haliburton practises her craft for an audience on Highland Street as part of the Haliburton County Development Corporation art committee's series of outdoor exhibits held every week at the Village Barn.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, all at the same time. For each ticket purchased for the September 4 comedy/music revue at Chateau Woodland's Woodland Cafe, the troupe will donate \$5 to the Foundation, which is raising money for the two healthcare expansion pro-

Haliburton — and for those who have yet to wander by and see what creativity exists in the Highlands — here is an updated list of participants: August 19, Paul Rolfe/woodworking and Carlos Aceros/Mexican tile; August 22, John Beachli/stone carving; August 24, Dorothy Walker/decorative painting and Jean Farrell/spin-

Over the summer, people had several opportunities to enjoy the music of the Highlands Winds Symphony, which used to be the Haliburton County Concert Band. If you'd like to do more than listen, rehearsals are Monday nights at JDHES. For more information, contact the band's conductor, Lorie Reddering, at 286-3200.

Everyone from Coureurs de Bois to the musical group Tamarack will be at the Canadian Canoe Museum on Sat., Aug. 29 for its celebration of Canada's voyageur heritage. Events begin at the Peterborough museum at 7 a.m. with a pancake breakfast, followed by exhibits and demonstrations. Other entertainers include Fresh Water Trade, Canadian Dance Tapestry and Sir Kenny Circumference. For information call 705-748-9153.

Loonie Extravaganza a fundraising night of fun

The Third Annual Loonie Extravaganza on August 20 is an evening of games and activities with a fundraising purpose, at The Sunny Rock Lodge Bed and Breakfast. People are invited to attend this fun fundraising event. Attendees are asked to make a generous financial donation upon arriving on the evening of the event. This year the

proceeds of the evening will be split between The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation and a second, yet-to-be-established local charity. The second charity will be chosen that evening from the suggestions provided by the attendees.

Attendees may watch or play the activities. The 25 or 30 different activi-

ties are low activity, non-threatening carnival or midway-like games set up all over The Sunny Rock property.

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Hwy. 121 Haliburton beside Haliburton Lumber

Sewer line sought for south shore of Kashagawigamog

PETER DOWNS

Staff Reporter

It may never get off the ground — or into the ground — but Dysart et al is looking at the feasibility of building a sewer line extension along the south side of Lake Kashagawigamog.

Now that property owners are hooking up to the new 12-kilometre line on the northern shore of the lake, council will keep its promise to see if the same can be done on the opposite side of the lake, said Reeve Murray Fearrey.

"There's no guarantee that it will happen, but we're honouring the commitment council made to look at it and try to clean up the lake," he explained.

Fearrey said council is trying to determine if infrastructure funding from the provincial government is available to help pay for a line on the lake's southern shore.

The province provided funding for roughly 75 per cent of the cost of extending the \$5.4-million sewer line on the Haliburton side of the north shore of Lake Kashagawigamog.

The remainder of the bill is being shared equally by the property owners who use the system.

Dysart will ask two or three engineering companies that have worked for the municipality previously to submit preliminary estimates for building a second sewer line.

Initially, the municipality will look at extending the line to its border with Anson, Hindon and Minden, as it did along the north shore.

But the actual length of the proposed line would be determined by costs and geographical features of the shoreline, such as bedrock, said Fearrey.

It's impossible to project how much the user fee would be on the south side of the lake until an overall cost is determined.

However, on the other side of the lake each home and cottage owner serviced by the line is

required to pay a one-time fee of roughly \$3,800 toward its installation cost.

On top of that they have to make arrangements with contractors to hook up their homes and cottages to the line. Charges vary with the geography of the property, but on average they fall between \$1,500 and \$2,000. Some also need to buy pumps to move waste to the main line.

Resorts, lodges and other businesses are assessed for the sewage output they contribute to the system and assigned a user fee based on an equivalent number of residential units.

Fearrey said there's more than enough capacity at the municipality's expanded sewage treatment plant to handle additional waste from properties along the south side of the lake.

As Dysart found out with its north shore extension, building a sewage line is a lengthy process.

The construction itself can be done fairly quickly. But gaining government approvals and going through the environmental assessment process is where things slow down.

"It may be 10 years before we can even start, we don't know," said Fearrey.



WHAT AM I BID?

Jody Laine, at left, holds up one of the items up for grabs at the recent Art Auction at PineStone Resort while above, bidder number 052 lets auctioneer John Leonard know he's interested in another item. The auction — which is as popular for its fun atmosphere as the works of art available — raised almost \$10,000 for the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts.

Stanhope sets its budget and tax rate

PETER DOWNS

Staff Reporter

Despite the many services it has taken over from the provincial government, Stanhope has been able to decrease taxes slightly for the year ahead.

Property owners in the municipality — like others across the county — were facing steep hikes until Queen's Park stepped in with one-time funding to help absorb the costs of policing.

Stanhope council was looking at a policing tab of more than \$130,000 for the year, until the province granted Special Circumstance Funding of nearly

\$84,000 to partially offset the new expense.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison credited Victoria-Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson with securing the assistance.

Council was able to absorb the remaining \$46,000 in its \$1.12-million budget.

Queen's Park required all municipalities to cut their spending by 1.7% to qualify for funding assistance to help cover the cost of the many new services that were downloaded.

In Stanhope's case, Harrison said the province kept its word to keep the swap of services "revenue neutral."

On Wednesday council set an

official tax rate of .00943261 for residential property owners in Stanhope and .02413053 for commercial properties.

The tax rate multiplied by a property's assessment equals the amount of tax the landowner is expected to pay the municipality. For example, someone with a \$100,000 cottage would have to pay roughly \$943 in municipal tax. A commercial property owner would have to pay \$2,413, based on a \$100,000 tax assessment.

With the county and Stanhope holding the line on tax increases for the year ahead, property owners will be able tell exactly how the provincial govern-

ment's new tax assessment system affects their rates.

Waterfront property owners are expected to experience the largest tax increases under Actual Value Assessment.

"Any increases people see in their tax bills are a result solely of AVA," said Harrison.

Assembling a budget this year was very complicated because financial information from the province regarding downloaded services "was changing all the time," she said.

Harrison thanked clerk-administrator Gerald Bain and municipal office staff for their hard work putting all of the numbers together.

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Main dispute over high school teachers' contract is prep time

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highly critical of the board's bargaining tactics.

Board negotiators requested and were granted a so-called "no-board report" from the Ontario Labour Relations Board.

The move allows the school board to over-ride existing contracts or to lock teachers out of their schools. It also puts teachers in a legal position to strike.

"This new school board has given every indication that they will impose regressive changes to the working conditions, benefits and salaries of teachers," Carroll said in a news release. "The strong strike vote reflects the commitment and resolve of teachers to send a strong message to the board that this unilateral move is unacceptable."

The board's chair, Haliburton County trustee Cheryl Murdoch, says the board was left no alternative but to seek the no-board report.

Queen's Park has mandated all boards to implement the education reforms it introduced through Bill 160, including reductions in preparation time for high school teachers.

If teachers are unwilling to negotiate the changes, then the board has no choice but to bring them in using the powers it's granted through a no-board report, said Murdoch.

"We're caught between a rock

and a hard place. We're only doing what we have to do through Bill 160 and the board and the students are being caught in the middle."

Murdoch said the cut in prep time "is definitely the main thing" bogging down negotiations.

Bill 160 increases instructional time in the classroom for secondary school teachers by an average of 22 minutes per day during a five-day teaching cycle, she said.

The board's negotiations are also limited by the amount of money it has been allotted for teacher salaries by Queen's Park, which took over education funding in January, said Murdoch.

"We've got nowhere to go (for additional funding). There's no money for this through raising taxes anymore."

Murdoch said she's "disappointed" teachers have given their union representatives a strike mandate. However, she remains hopeful the two sides will resolve their conflict.

"I continue to be positive. I continue to hope for the best and the board continues to try to negotiate this."

Parents and students should plan on a Sept. 8 start for high school, unless they are notified otherwise, says the school board.



A BATEMAN PRIZE: When the Minden Home and Garden Tour committee asked Canadian wildlife artist Robert Bateman if his Highlands cottage could be on the tour to raise money for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, he had to decline. However, in exchange, he donated one of his signed prints to support the cause. Last Tuesday, the committee presented the framed print, plus a commitment of \$5,000 from the tour, to the Foundation's board members. The Bateman print is one of the prizes being raffled off at the Foundation's Midsummer Night's Ball on August 29 at the PineStone. Tickets for the ball, which include dinner and dancing with the Toronto Area Swing Band, are \$100 each and available at the PineStone. More than half of the ticket price will go to the Foundation.



WASN'T THAT A PARTY:

After organizing the spirited Bobby Curtola dance concert on August 1, Lois and Ross Rigney were pleased to be able to present a cheque for \$4,530 to Joanne Camelon, the treasurer of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. The concert by the 1950s Canadian rock 'n' roll legend was a fun way for cottagers especially to help raise money for the two healthcare expansion projects.

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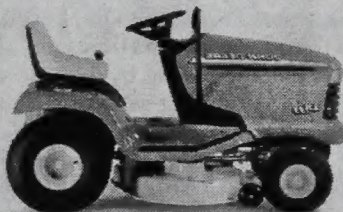


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Park geese create sticky situation

Frustrated Dysart council wrestles with recurring problem at Head Lake

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Because attempts to rectify the problem can't keep pace with the steady outpouring of goose guano, Dysart et al is finding it hard not to stay afloat of people who want to be able to walk through Head Lake Park without having to check each step along the way.

The black, oozy mess continues to spread its way throughout the park and into the water at the public swimming beach.

Jim Elstone continues to be hired to take his Border Collie for a walk through the park every morning, encouraging the dog to shepherd the geese back into the water. (Geese can only relieve themselves on terra firma.)

The municipality has built a drain to divert rain water from the adjoining parking lot away from the beach. Previously, the rain water had been

washing goose guano from the pavement right into the beach area.

This fall or winter, the municipality also has permission to dump more sand on the beach, burying the problem that has contributed to some bathers getting "swimmer's itch." (People using the beach are reminded to dry themselves off completely with a towel when first getting out of the water.)

"It's an age-old problem with geese," says clerk-administrator Donna McCallum, who would appreciate suggestions on how to pull the welcome mat from under the webbed feet of the Canada geese.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge Health Unit has recommended that the municipality make it "a priority" to clean and rake the beach to get rid of goose droppings.

It also recommended that droppings found on the dock not be swept into the water, to prevent further contamination of the lake.

Walkway extension set to begin

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Dysart et al council's meeting on Aug. 10.

Walkers and rollerbladers should have an extra half-kilometre of paved pathway to use in Head Lake Park within a month.

Council selected a construction company to extend the lakeside walkway.

Argyle-based Campbell Paving's bid of \$15,729 was the lowest of three bids submitted for the job.

Hawk River Construction bid \$21,950 on the contract and Royal Paving submitted a bid of \$31,975.

Councils wants the project finished by Sept. 15.

Boat houses

Councillors passed a bylaw amend-

ment allowing property owners on Kawagama Lake to build boat houses.

At a recent public meeting regarding the proposal property owners on the lake submitted a petition with the names of more than 50 people who support lifting the lake's boat house ban.

Planner Pat Martin told councillors just one person at the meeting expressed reservations about the change in policy.

Caboose visitors

Haliburton's Tourist Information Caboose continues to welcome an increasing number of visitors.

The most recent figures show 632 more visitors stopped in at the caboose by the end of July, compared to the previous summer.



RAISING THEIR GRADES:

Glenn Diezel, on ground, centre, directs students in his timberframing course at the Haliburton School of Fine Arts as they raise the first wall of the building they made last week as a class project. The structure, built adjacent to Sir Sandford Fleming College's Siscoe Centre will be sold by the school.

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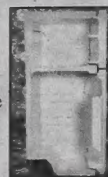
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Roads to be designated by use, not ownership

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Another complication is the wide disparity in maintenance standards for different classifications of county roads. For instance, the former Hwy 121 between Minden and Haliburton is now a county road. Because of traffic volume, it will be maintained at the same standards as a highway. Compare it, however, to the Harburn Road or the Kushog Lake Road, and you'll under-

■ *That means new County Road 121 will appear as red, but other county roads are gray*

stand what a difficult job the Ministry of Transportation has been facing as it tries to come up with designating the types of roads for its new Ontario road map

The Ministry has recently completed the first draft of the first Ontario road map which

recognizes all the changes.

Recently, the Ministry's head of cartography and mapping, Tim Wood, dropped by the Haliburton County office to introduce the changes and get reactions from local politicians. (Only the county's CAO, Les Shepherd, and The Echo attend-

ed the informal presentation.)

The main issue for the Highlands is the Ministry's decision to indicate roads by functional classification - traffic volume and maintenance standards - instead of ownership (province or county). As a result, Hwys 35 and 118 are

indicated by the predominant red, as is County Road 121 between Haliburton and Minden. All other roads, however, are now grey. (Municipal roads have never been indicated on the provincial map because there are too many of them, making a map unreadable because of the density of lines. There are area maps you can purchase to get a more complete picture of available routes.)

This may not please politicians in such areas such as Gooderham and Wilberforce because former "red" highways are now just grey county roads. By simply looking at the new map, will strangers to the area know that the county road heading south out of Gooderham is a main thoroughfare to Peterborough, or will they mistake it for being the same width and quality as the bumpier and curvier Harburn Road, simply because both are indicated as county roads? Likewise, will travellers be less likely to travel "The Loop" from Highland Grove to Wilberforce because it's now a county road?

The map legend will indicate that the county roads are paved, and two lane. The Ministry will also use different numbering symbols to indicate whether it's a transferred highway, which, as long as people read the fine print, will let travellers know that there's a higher standard maintained.

"We're trying to get the public on the best roads as possible to get from Point A to Point B," Wood says. As map makers who must cope with Canada's second largest province, encompassing more than one million square kilometres, "we also want to make it as least confusing to the public as possible..."

"It's a balancing act."

The issue of the grey-lined county roads might not be as significant as first feared, he says, because any Ontario resident looking at a map, will know about the transfers and that the new county roads were once perfectly acceptable as secondary highways.

"They'll know that grey roads aren't back roads... They're not just local roads, they're roads people use to get somewhere," he says, adding that the issue is even more highly charged in areas such as Lake Ontario, where scenic Highway 2 has virtually disappeared off the face of the map, replaced by a string of county roads.

Wood says that most people use a map to get somewhere new once. Of the close to one million maps produced each year, 80% are giving to tourism offices, and half of these are distributed to Americans.

Asked if there is any way to indicate scenic routes, Wood says it would be too confusing to use special colours or such things as dotted lines. The Ministry has, however, come up with small symbols to indicate routes of historic and scenic interest. Highway 35, for instance, is indicated as Algonquin Trail by a small, blue AT symbol, but ostensibly it starts at the Hwy 401 intersection.

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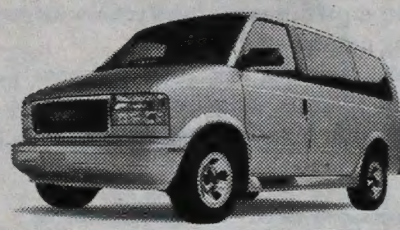
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A Highlands welcome: Haliburton Legionnaires Ethel Galvin, Jock Mavor and David Stirrett welcome members of the Perth Fiddle Orchestra from Scotland as they arrive Friday afternoon at the Minden Motel. The orchestra – which played to a sold-out crowd at the Haliburton Legion that night – was on a tour of Ontario, having become very well-known back at home. Jock Mavor's brother and cousin are associated with the orchestra, which donated its talents as a way of helping the Legion raise money for its various community projects.

Construction workers and lumber companies donate time and materials to help Burnt River flood victims repair homes

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

A volunteer organization formed in the aftermath of the January ice storm is now helping victims of the Burnt River flood restore order to their lives.

Construction Volunteers Canada, a non-profit coalition of more than 300 tradespeople from Ontario, Quebec and B.C., has organized a relief effort to bring bottled water, construction materials and helping hands to those whose homes were damaged in early April when heavy rain caused the Burnt River to overflow.

"I thank them from the bottom of my heart for helping these people who we couldn't help," says Somerville Reeve

Dianne Austin.

"It's nice to see there's a group of Good Samaritans out there."

The provincial government is also providing more than \$287,000 in disaster relief funding to residents in Somerville, who were hit the hardest by the flood.

Among the eight building suppliers in eastern Ontario that have already donated hardware to the cause are Lochlin Lumber, Minden Home Hardware and Kinmount's John Austin & Sons.

The coalition has issued a challenge to other county hardware and lumber companies to follow suit.

Muskoka Delivery Service recently announced it will deliver cases of bottled water donated

by Crystal Springs to the Somerville residents affected by the flood.

A surveyor and volunteer tradespeople will also visit the area to lend their support.

The construction charity, the first of its kind in Canada, holds fund raising events and acts as a liaison between disaster victims and emergency organizations.

President Nancy Loewen said the goal of Construction Volunteers Canada is to "unite the Canadian people in tragedies and strengthen the bond between the municipalities and the provinces."

For more information or to make a donation to the charity, contact Loewen at (416) 651-4462.

County-wide approach seen as best way to deal with fire bans

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

A county-wide fire ban is the best defense against forest fires in dry conditions, county officials say.

Municipal representatives met with the Ministry of Natural Resources recently to discuss the need for consistent and well-publicized guidelines on when and where people can light fires in the county.

Currently the MNR and each municipality issues its own restrictions on fires based on weather conditions in different areas, which creates confusion for tourists as they travel from one municipality to the next.

Dave Brown, MNR fire management supervisor, said that while weather conditions often differ in an area the size of Haliburton, it would be beneficial to have a set of standards that covered the whole county.

"Our priority would be to figure out what you want to do county-wide. We can come up with some broad guidelines based on the time of year and occurrences. I'd like to keep it broad because if you're going to set a line, you've got to toe it."

When the MNR declares a restricted fire zone in the district, fires can be lit only for cooking or warmth in an approved charcoal installation during the day or in an organized campground after 7 p.m.

A county fire ban, on the other

hand, restricts most outdoor burning altogether.

"A fire ban is pretty definite. A restricted fire zone is where the problem is going to be," said Snowdon reeve Ross Rigney. "If we can get agreement on a restricted fire zone by everybody, it would be a lot easier to administer. Otherwise, it's going to be all over the map."

Even with a county-wide fire ban, however, municipalities bordering other counties might still have to deal with inconsistent burning rules on each side of their town line.

Brown said better advertising, through signs and local media, was the best way to communicate burning restrictions to local residents and tourists. He said the MNR could help the county to get the message out.

Some representatives questioned, however, who should have the authority to decide when it is or is not safe to light fires in the county.

Without fire departments, they said, municipalities such as Snowdon and Lutterworth were less equipped to deal with fires and had to be more cautious than others.

"I think we have to develop something that is consistent and can be met by anybody in the county," said Rigney.

County officials will meet again in August to make a decision on whether or not to begin implementing county-wide fire bans.

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Part of the problem, part of the solution

"The adults always take over when it comes to the truth."
16-year-old skateboarder Luke Merriam

WHEN YOU SEE THEM IN THEIR BAGGY outfits, with the crotch of their pants hanging halfway to their knees and their over-sized t-shirts dangling around the same midway point, the stereotype of the foul-mouthed, disrespectful skateboarder who menaces sidewalk pedestrians can quickly come to mind.

Does such a stereotype suit all skateboarders? Is it a fair one?

This is just the type of issue that makes fence-sitters dizzy as they try to get a clear view of the situation from their perch in the middle. It is unfair to stereotype all skateboarders as being bad kids, and yet stereotypes get formed for a reason and those reasons can't be ignored in the hope that they'll simply go away.

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martha perkins

Some skateboarders are rude and disrespectful of both people and property. They use foul language when confronted about their behaviour and don't care if they damage someone else's property. Their self-centredness takes your breath away, especially if one of them knocks into you.

Yet other skateboarders have a point when they say it's unfair to lump all skateboarders together. One or two bad skateboarders can cause a lot of problems for all the others. It's also unfair to use them as a scapegoat for any problems that might be arising. Just because skateboarders have damaged property on the main street when practising their jumps, they can't be blamed for all the vandalism at Head Lake Park. It's too easy and convenient. Young people do not have the patent on irresponsible behaviour. It could have very well been an adult who pulled up the flowers, or put holes in the bandshell since adults have been known to do other dumb things, too. If an adult drives while intoxicated, does that mean all adults should be collectively blamed?

For all their valid points, however, skateboarders have to realize that if they want to be treated as responsible citizens, they have to act as if they deserve to be. It isn't enough to say "since we don't have a place to skateboard, we have to skateboard on private or public property and if we damage that property it isn't really our fault because we didn't mean to do it and had no other choice." In life, there always is choice, and while some of those choices might not be pleasant or let us do what we want to, the alternative isn't to blatantly disregard other people's property or right to enjoy a quiet stroll down main street. It's a bit like the issue over second-hand smoke: smokers have a right to have a cigarette, by why should the pursuit of their right take away someone else's right to breathe fresh air?

Skateboarders' pastime has been an expensive one for main street merchants and the damage has to be fixed with real dollars, not empty excuses. The least the skateboarders can do is volunteer to help fix some of the damage, or at the very minimum, apologize for the damage they've caused and conscientiously avoid doing any more. They can't use the threat of more damage yet to come as the incentive for getting merchants to support their fundraising drive to build a new skateboarding park where they can practise their jumps in peace.

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Flying over Stanhope's fly-in

by Dianne Choma

letters to the editor

'Inconsiderate' individuals use burned out business as dumping ground

To the Editor:

I have been advised of complaints regarding garbage scattered around the Bell telephone station, and garbage and used "personal items" thrown inside the remains of the basement of what used to be BMD Restaurant.

I cannot stand guard to ensure such inconsiderate and immature individuals are stopped from taking advantage of someone's misfortune by using one's loss as a dumping grounds.

The garbage has already been cleaned up once but still the practice of some inconsiderate

people to use private property as their refuse drop-off continues. Whatever happened to compassion and understanding from people towards one's loss of such proportion as ours?

I am appalled to see such actions being carried out by others and if this practice continues legal action will be initiated if

caught. Destruction of private property is an offense. It is a shame to think one must have to undertake such steps in light of what we are already going through.

Bev and Brad MacDuff,
Owners of what used to be
BMD Restaurant

Misconceptions have arisen over WEH building ownership

To The Editor:

The Women's Emergency House Focus Group would like to clear up some misconceptions that may have arisen surrounding Steven Bowskill's use of the W.E.H. facilities.

SIRCH's lease with Mr. Bowskill (who owns the building) ended on July 1st past. He has been very understanding and generous in his dealings with the Group as it puts a plan together for the future. He has agreed to forgo rent on the premises and have it available for use by the Group if and when it so decides. In return, the Focus Group has

agreed that Mr. Bowskill should be able to rent the premises. The Group is now storing equipment and furnishings on site and Mr. Bowskill has agreed to take responsibility for the same. We appreciate his concern and help in this matter.

Mr. Bowskill and Focus Group are currently negotiating on the future of the W.E.H. premises. Any comments about his current use of the premises should be directed to the Focus Group.

Lon Duncombe and
Heather Ross

your letters

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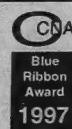


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A berry good team

IT HAD TO BE THE HOTTEST day of the summer, Jenny thought as she trudged along the dusty road, heading for the raspberry patch. Behind her, her nine year old daughter Nora had already started to complain about stones in her sandals. The two of them were on a mission: to pick enough berries to make a raspberry pie. It was what Nora had requested in place of a cake for her tenth birthday. She had even offered to pick the berries, a job Jenny didn't have the heart to make her do on her own. Jenny used to pick raspberries from the same patch for the same reason when she was a youngster and she well remembered how many berries it took to make a pie.

As yet another car raised clouds of chalky dust, Jenny and Nora stepped off the shoulder and down into a tangled mass that wound its way over, under and around an ancient cedar rail fence. Immediately the air felt fresher. The sun continued to bake their backs but their feet enjoyed the cool depths of green shade. Nora stopped complaining about stones and mother and daughter set to work picking.

Around their necks they wore coffee tins. Jenny had used her father's old ice pick (a vestige of the ice box days) to make holes on either side of the cans. She then threaded a large loop of string through these so they could wear the cans around their necks and leave hands free to pick. More than once as a child, Jenny had stumbled over a rock and watched helplessly as her hard-earned berries spilled to the ground, after hours of scratched arms and legs.



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This was not the first time Jenny and Nora had gone berry picking together. Jenny had already taught her daughter the basics. Nora knew how to judge a good berry and where to look in the bushes so as not to miss any illusive treasures. She was aware that a clumsy picker could send the best berries to the ground with too much movement and she had even accidentally stumbled upon a bear, though from a distance. The latter had happened one early evening when Nora had wanted a handful of berries for her morning corn flakes. Jenny had warned it was the wrong time of day, but Nora, seeing herself as part forest elf, part Pochahantas, had laughed off the caution. She had seen the bear before it saw her and so had immediately turned around and walked quickly in the opposite direction. But she had still managed to get her berries - in the morning.

Now they picked together under the glare of the late morning sun. They started from opposite ends of the patch and slowly worked toward the centre. Jenny wore an ancient denim hat from the days she had long dark hair instead of short greying locks and bellbottoms instead of a broad bottom. Nora wore a baseball cap from last year's slow pitch tournament and blue shorts on her strong, tanned legs, despite Jenny's admonitions about thorns and bare skin.

For a space of ten minutes, neither spoke, intent on filling the cans as quickly as possible, thereby bringing the pie that much closer. Jenny freely admitted raspberry pie was and always had been her favourite. Nora was the same. Even now, the thought of the flaky pastry dissolving in her mouth to expose the fragrant wild berries to her tongue, was enough to get Jenny's mouth to watering. Nora had always been happy as a clam to have her dessert an enormous bowl of berries in milk with a sprinkling of sugar on top.

Now they had to stop because any more berries would over fill their cans. As they walked slowly back down the dirt road to the cottage, they were careful not to jiggle or trip. Nora asked if she could help make the pastry for the pie. Jenny was surprised but quickly accepted the offer. Then Nora said she wished her mother's birthday was also in the summer so she could make her a raspberry pie next year, once she knew how. Jenny reached over and gave her daughter's shoulder an affectionate squeeze. But carefully; she didn't want to spill the berries.

Carpenter ants really take the bait

To the Editor:

This is my third "annual" letter to the editor. The first was about my perfect hand in cribbage and the second was about our inability to catch the elusive mice. This year, carpenter ants were the bane of our existence! They created a mystery.

We were given two "Ant Baits" to be "glued" in place. Not being sure of the best location, I placed them in what I thought were strategic sites. Much to our amazement, by the third day they had both disappeared. No one but my husband and myself had been in the cottage.

Another friend asked, "hadn't we seen the commercial where the ants are seen carrying these baits home?" No, we hadn't. Neither have we located the baits. Puzzling country!

Moiria Arnot,
Keewaydin cottage, Haliburton



pic of the past

This week's Pic of the Past takes us to the front steps of Clifford Stoughton's barber shop in Gooderham in 1956. It shows Mirl and Walter MacDuff, who cooked at Mountain View Lodge, with young Eddie Leveck, son of Clarabelle and Francis Leveck, who would later move into the same building. Our thanks to the Levecks for sharing the photo with us.

Law requires smoke alarms in homes

To the Editor:

As Dysart et al's Fire Chief, I do not want to have to deal with the death of someone in a fire. Approximately 70% of all fire deaths occur in the homes

not protected by a working smoke alarm. It is particularly tragic when a fire strikes our most vulnerable groups children and older adults.

The Ontario Fire Code now requires that all homes in

Ontario have a working smoke alarm. Failure to comply is a provincial offence and subject to a fine of \$200.

Remember, fire can strike quickly and at any time. You may only have minutes to escape. It is your responsibility to make sure you have a working smoke alarm in your home — and it's the law. A small investment may save your life.

For more information please call your fire department.

Meanwhile, I would like to thank Dawson Insurance for sponsoring the Fire Safety House on August 5. It provided a fun and informative way to promote fire safety to many children. It is good to have the support of the business community to promote education. I would also like to thank Gord Woodman and Peter McTeague for donating their time to help with the children.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Haliburton County Echo for their continued support to promote fire safety and the fire department's activities. It is great to have this support. Thank you all.

Miles Maughan
Fire Chief Dysart et al

Park improvements a welcome sight

To the Editor:

As we live in the sight of Head Lake, we appreciate the view much more since the trees and bushes have been pruned.

Also, oncoming cars into town are more visible to traffic turning left onto County Rd. #1.

The generous arrangement of flowers in the park areas are an attraction in themselves.

Dorothijean Connors,
Haliburton

Teacher 'ashamed' to admit profession

To the Editor:

This is in reply to John Craig's and Stephen Wilcox's letters in the July 21 paper. I agree with everything both men have written. I commend John Craig for his research and well-written letter. During this past year there have been times when I've been ashamed to admit that I am a teacher.

Jane Carson,
Claremont

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



Fish tales:

Anglers asked to put their fish stories in writing

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Instead of sharing anecdotal tales about what is wrong about fishing in the Highlands, local fishermen may be asked to put it in writing.

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association and Ministry of Natural Resources are proposing a new licensing system which would have all lake trout fishermen in the Highlands record information about the fish they catch.

By taking part in the pilot project, anglers may help to bring about the end of the disliked slot system, but also bring thousands of dollars into the area to enhance fishing opportunities.

It's not yet known if fishermen will agree to the plan, which was introduced to about 50 people attending the HHOA's lake trout meeting at the Haliburton arena last Saturday morning. Fishermen are being asked to fill out a survey, the results of which will help the HHOA decide whether to proceed.

The system would work like this: lake trout fishermen would buy a "stamp" to affix to their fishing licence allowing them to catch lake trout. The price has not yet been determined; \$5 was mentioned at the meeting. They would also be given a card on which to record when they caught fish, where, and such things as size and likelihood of survival. They can fill out as

many cards as needed, and dedicated lake trout fishermen may be asked to keep a more detailed diary.

Each fall, the cards would be returned to the MNR, making the fishermen eligible to buy a lake trout stamp for the next season. No returned card, no stamp.

The MNR will compile the data, first assessing whether it's of overall accuracy – not that fishermen are known to stretch a few truths – or in other words, whether the information is as helpful as its own creel surveys. It will also analyze the data to see if several initiatives to enhance lake trout populations are having the desired effect.

Such detailed data will also help the MNR come up with policies on a lake by lake basis, instead of using broad-brush regulations for all of the Bancroft district.

"It's an experimental program to give us good science," said Minden extension biologist Dave Flowers, and the MNR can use that science to perhaps ease up on some existing regulations.

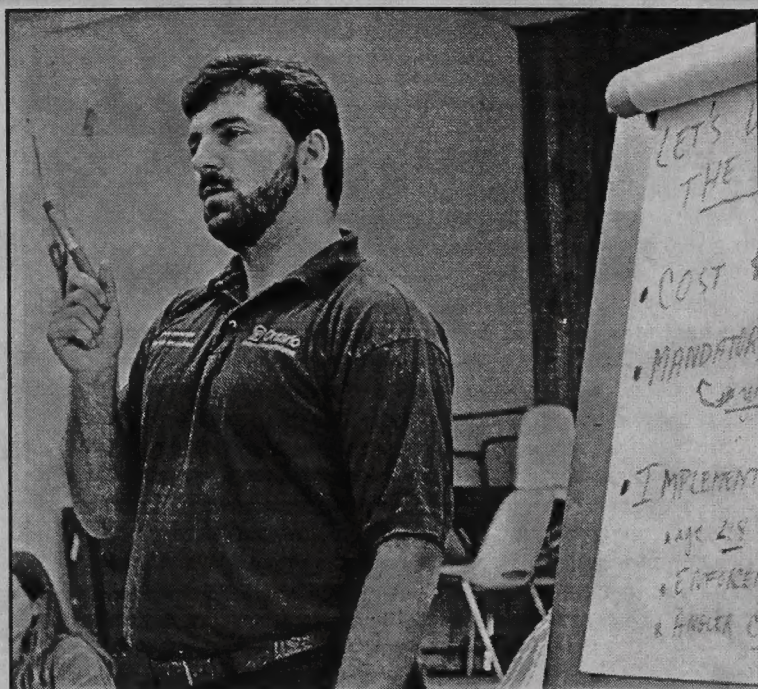
He believes that if improving lake trout opportunities is important to local anglers, they will support the new card member, and many people in the audience seemed to back that up. "The idea in general is excellent," one young fisherman said.

As well, about half of the money raised through the card fee will go directly back into

local fisheries (the rest spent on administration.) And by taking a lead role in gathering information, Flowers could foresee \$250,000 flowing into the county for fisheries research and enhancement.

Asked whether the program was enforceable, Dan Smith, who oversees the 11 Conservation Officers in the Bancroft District, says "there aren't a lot of concerns (about enforcement) as long as we can be in on the mechanics of it... Things are a lot better in terms of being able to put manpower around."

If the angler card is accepted, it would likely be initiated in the year 2000.



Casting an idea: At a recent meeting with the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, the Ministry of Natural Resources' Dave Flowers outlines a new trout licensing proposals.

A shared responsibility: protecting our fish and wildlife

by **CHRIS HODGSON**
MPP, Victoria-Haliburton

One of our government's most significant achievements has been our commitment to fish and wildlife.

Back in my days as Minister of Natural Resources, we moved quickly to fulfill our campaign promise to dedicate all hunting and fishing revenues – including all revenues from the Outdoors Card – to wildlife conservation.

Along the same line, we also committed record spending to the Community Fisheries Involvement Program (CFIP) and the Community Wildlife Involvement Program (CWIP).

In fact, we are providing \$1-million in annual funding to these programs.

These programs help volunteer groups with a number of projects, including the rehabilitation of streams and the creation of spawning beds for fish, building nesting structures for birds and turning school yards into more natural environments.

Recently, I was pleased to join Natural Resources Minister John Snobelen to visit some of the important projects taking place in our community.

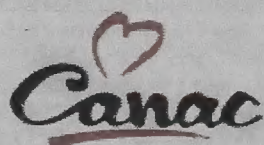
Our visit included a tour of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association's fish hatchery, which is run by vol-

unteers. With \$2,100 in CFIP support, the fish hatchery raised 33,000 hatchlings over the winter.

Other projects that have been supported include the HHOA's seeding project and Drag River Rehabilitation Project.

People who hunt and fish look after far more than game species. Our passion often extends to larger conservation efforts that involve personal time and money.

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Slot size rules may be lifted on some lakes

■ MNR will consider a made-in-Haliburton solution to concerns over lake trout

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Highly unpopular slot size regulations may be lifted on some Highlands lakes if several proposals by the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association are approved.

HHOA members have generally disliked the slot size rules since they were introduced a couple of years ago. By having to return fish that are within the slot size in an attempt to ensure mature fish reproduce, anglers say the plan backfires because most fish don't survive being caught and put back in the water.

However, they also feel that it's getting harder and harder to have a successful fishing outing, since most lake trout caught are

smaller than they used to be.

The HHOA has been working with the Ministry of Natural Resources to find a "made-in-Haliburton" solution.

The club argued that the data which led to the slot size regulations was based on fishing surveys of all lakes in the MNR's Bancroft district. Haliburton County lakes, which account for about half, are in much better shape and therefore do not need as many restrictions, the HHOA says.

It came up with a set of proposed regulation changes which should not jeopardize the fishery.

Changes, which were outlined at Saturday morning's meeting at the Dysart arena, include:

- allowing a two-fish limit, live bait, two lines of winter angling and year-round fishing on Beech, Klaxon, Lutterworth, Monmouth, Sheldon, Tedious, Fourcorner, Kabakwa, Lipsy, Loon, North Pigeon, Pencil and Wilbermere Lakes
- getting rid of slot sizes and allowing winter fishing and live bait on Red Pine, Big and Little Kennisis, Big and Little Redstone, Fishtail, Big and Little Hawk, Haliburton and Johnson Lakes
- applying the same rules to Oblong and Long Lake that apply to their adjoining lakes (Haliburton and Miskwabi respectively.)

• and changing the east basin of Lake Kashagawigamog to a two-line area to better reflect the walleye opportunities which also exist.

At the same time, the association wants to strengthen the position of the "Haliburton strain" of lake trout which is more resilient and better suited to Highlands' conditions than other lake trout.

Right now, the Haliburton strain has been found in Macdonald and Clear Lakes (Haliburton Forest) and Halls and Redstone Lakes. The association wants to test its viability in other lakes. Using Miskwabi, Esson, Grace, Farquar, Bob, Fishtail, Red Pine and Moose as test lakes, four will be designated as control lakes and four will be designated for stocking the Haliburton strain.

Studies will also be done to see if the Haliburton strain will improve fish populations in Koshlong, Soyers and Maple Lakes, where lake trout are reproducing, but not in great numbers.

There will be "pair" stocking of hatchery lake trout and Haliburton strain lake trout on Loon Lake (Dudley.)

The Haliburton strain may also come to the rescue of fish populations in Davis and Glamor lakes, which have poor habitats and spawning beds and yet still manage to produce lake

trout.

However, association president Pat Kennedy and vice-president Larry Hewitt cautioned that this is a long-term project, with no definite results known for 15 years.

"If we plant the fish in 2000, you can't expect to go out and catch fish in 2001," Kennedy told the 50 fishermen at the meeting.

With the help of fish-catch information provided by anglers (see accompanying story on a proposed lake trout licence card), creel studies and perhaps even a remote-operated submersible which can record fish populations in great detail from the bottom of the lake, the MNR will have detailed information on which to base future decisions on local fishing regulations.

Such precise information is needed to balance the many theories people have about declining fish populations. If you can catch only small lake trout in a lake, does it mean the lake is overstocked and the fish can't get enough to eat, thus justifying more fishing opportunities, or does it mean more regulations are needed because too many fish are being caught before they have a chance to mature? Do most lake trout die if caught and released into the water because they are within the slot size. (Fishermen say yes,

the MNR says no.)

Incontrovertible data will help everyone reach the right conclusions, both the MNR and the HHOA hope.

"We're trying to create more fishing opportunities without hurting the fish populations," Hewitt says. "If we don't do this, there will be more blanket rules."

But if regulations are done on a lake-by-lake basis, how will anglers know which rules apply where, Keith Hodgson asked.

The HHOA is thinking about creating a colour-coded map, easier to read than the present summary, Kennedy said. There could be billboards welcoming people to the land of the Haliburton trout. A man in the audience also suggested posting the information at boat launches.

The association is seeking member support of the proposals, since member support is going to be needed to make them viable. For instance, to stock the lakes with the Haliburton strain of lake trout, up to 20,000 eggs must be striped from female fish (which produce, on average, 3,000 eggs each) and these eggs would be raised at the largely volunteer-based hatchery on County Road 1. There's also talk of having "brood stock", akin to the livestock farmer's version, at the hatchery.

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Canadian League Champions (The Phillies):

(left to right) back: Robert Ainsley, Ben Rowan, Bill O'Reilly, Cam Robertson, Jason Chambers; front: Walter Tose (coach), Matthew Roberts, Andy Dawson, Adam Hutson, Andrew Wherry; absent: Alex Judge.

'A's are National League champs

ROY BURK

National League

The National League's championship on Saturday at the Haliburton ball park went to the Athletics with a 27 to 16 win over the Royals.

It was a fun year and the lads were great to work with. I would like to take the time now on behalf of Jim Winn and myself to thank all the assistant coaches and parents for their participation and help throughout the ball season.

A special thanks to Larry Miscio who went out of his way to prepare the field every Tuesday night and for the Saturday championship game.

Meanwhile in the Canadian League's championship game on Saturday the final score was Phillies 15, Dodgers 12.

All four teams also enjoyed a skills competition. See you on the ice.

Area lakes hold levels

Modest rains helped over the week to keep the Haliburton lakes from declining on average. The thirty-five lakes averaged 63.6% on August 10 compared to 63.9% on August 4. This would result in their being about 7% below normal for the time of year.

The Kawarthas now contain a small surplus, which will be reduced with a slight flow increase on the Otonabee. Flow from the reserve lakes is being reduced to near minimum as well so those lakes benefit from the extra water.



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Canadian League Skills Competition winners:
(left to right) Adam Hutson, Bill O'Reilly, Steve Lever, Jeremy Miscio



National League Skills Competition winners:
(left to right) back row: Jake Hackson, Bradford Burk, Kenton Winn; front: Matthew Duchene, Daniel Paul, Steven Miscio



National League Finalists (The Royals):

(left to right) coaches: Jim Winn, Larry Miscio, Tim Smith; middle: Dailyn Smith, Mark Johnston, Jake Hackson, Daniel Paul; front: Brandon Van Nood, Steven Miscio, Kailey Bateman, Zachary Prenger, Kenton Winn; absent: Tyler Watson, Ryan Scheffee.



National League Champions (The Athletics):

(left to right) coaches: Roy Burk, Ross Burk, Herschel Jacobs; middle: Jeff Burk, Bradford Burk, Mitchel Bateman, Mackenzie Trueman; front: Steven Jacobs, Matthew Duchene, Danny Van Nood; absent: Adrian Martin, Ian Sachs

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Winners of the Ambassadors of the Fair contest were: (left to right) Senior Ambassador, Sarah Ladurantaye; Junior Ambassador, Naomi Stephenson and Princess, Candice Lowes.



Photos by Dianne Choma

Gord Munn again masters Drag Lake's winds

by MARY ELLA MAGILL

The 1998 Drag Lake Annual Regatta on Saturday, August 8, was held in light south-west winds on a hot and hazy day. Thirteen boats started and finished the race off Harris Beach. Bobby Rotenberg, assisted by his sons Peter and Ethan and Gabriel Munn Magill, were the race committee.

The first boat over the finish line was a Wayfarer skippered by Gord Munn with Mary Alla Magill as crew. Peter Sulman from Kennisis Lake and Lanny Totton, both on Lasers, came in second and third.

In the Laser class, Peter Sulman placed first, followed



**Ready,
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sail:**

Some of the participants in the August 8 Drag Lake sailing regatta leave the starting position off Harris Beach.



Sara Katz and her son Benjamin paddle/sail past Kristi Reed as she prepares the sail on Bill Beatty's boat, which was skippered by Jean-Edouard de Marenches. Thirteen boats took part in the race, trying to coax the south-west winds to work in their favour. The first boat back over the finish line was a Wayfarer skippered by Gord Munn.

by Lanny Totton, Jim Johnston, Vaune Davis and Al Ferguson. In monohulls, Gord Munn was first followed by Sara Katz and Benjamin Katz-Totton in a sailing canoe, Fred Stephenson and Rob Stonehouse in a Kolibri, David Beatty in a CLII, and Billy Beatty, Jean Edouard de Marenches and Kristi Reed in a Vivacity 20. The multihull class was won by Aaron Totton and Jesse

Katz-Totton with Paul and Colleen as crew on a Hobie 18. Thornton Bailey was second in a Sea Spray.

Thanks go to Bobby Rotenberg and his race committee for starting, finishing and recording the race, to Al Ferguson for marking the course, and to Gord Munn for organizing the race. Special thanks, of course, to all of the racers who made this a successful and fun event.

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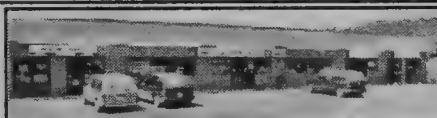
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Medical centre brings new life to Kinmount

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

There is a new sign outside the empty municipal building in Kinmount these days. It announces the future home of the Kinmount and District Community Health Centre.

Inside, empty board rooms and offices, still smelling of fresh paint, have been labeled

with paper signs designating where reception and waiting rooms will eventually be located.

In the past six months, the Kinmount and District Health Services Committee has

raised more than \$32,000 of the \$45,000 it needs to transform the empty building into a top-quality health care facility.

But a medical centre is only as good as the people who run it, says Ted Wilkes, chair of the health committee.

Without doctors, he says, the newly acquired Kinmount health centre will never get past the planning stages.

"Recruitment is on the front burner and that is no easy challenge. There is a huge doctor shortage in rural Ontario."

Wilkes and five other Kinmount residents became involved with doctor recruitment 3 1/2 years ago when their former medical centre closed.

That was around the same time that acute care beds were cut from the Minden hospital.

"All of a sudden we just woke up one morning and our doc-

tors were gone and our clinic was closed. We automatically assumed that in a reasonable amount of time new doctors would settle. After several months, we realized that we were not going to get more doctors unless we got involved."

The group formed a health committee and began advertising for doctors, searching for new clinic space and sending funding requests to the Ministry of Health.

The committee hopes Kinmount can be approved for the ministry's alternative payment program, which provides guaranteed salaries to doctors in northern

Ontario, rather than fee-per-service payment.

Wilkes said that without such an incentive, Kinmount will not be able to compete with the 77 other rural communities that are medically underserved in Ontario.

He recalled one disastrous interview he held last year with a graduating medical student who had been offered a \$10,000 signing bonus by a southern Ontario town and wanted the same incentive to work in Kinmount.

"I had to make light of it and say that we weren't looking for a baseball player," said Wilkes. "We can't compete with that. We couldn't possibly use our funds for something like that."

Although some residents of Haliburton County consider themselves to be northerners, the Ministry of Health does not.

All of a sudden we just woke up one morning and our doctors were gone.

TED WILKES



A good home:

Ted Wilkes and Cheryl Lafferty of the Kinmount and District Health Services Committee check out the empty building which will soon house the new Kinmount and District Community Health Centre.

Wilkes has asked for special consideration for the ministry's alternative payment program, but no decision has been made.

"We're as northern in our lifestyle as Huntsville and Parry Sound. When doctors come here, they consider us Northern Ontario, so they look around and think what kind of incentives do we have to come here."

"We have to offer them the Southern Ontario incentives that the Ministry of Health provides us, but if we lived 100 miles north, the incentives would be

four times larger. We certainly are at a severe disadvantage."

Gaining access to the new municipal office in May, however, was a huge boost for the health committee, which will now be able to offer first-class accommodations to the two new doctors it plans to hire.

"We were losing doctors in interviews because we didn't have quality facilities. That's what we have now," said Wilkes.

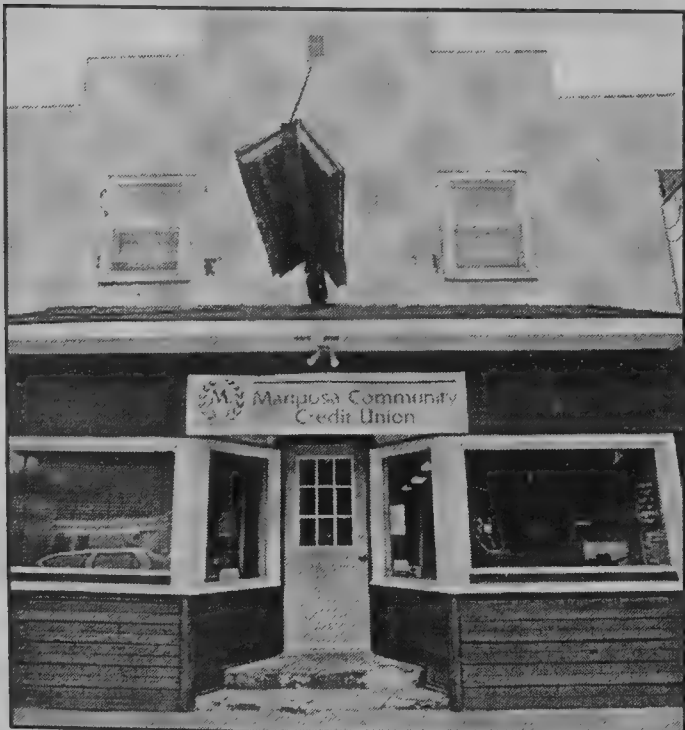
At the moment, one-third of Kinmount area residents do not

have a local family doctor. With 40 per cent of the population over the age of 50, stable and continuous care is badly needed.

Wilkes said the recent doctor shortage does not bode well for Kinmount, but the committee will continue to do everything it can to attract new graduates to the area.

"We can't give up because it's too big an issue and too important to too many people."

Kinmount economy on the upswing, official says



Give them some credit:

With the June 27 opening of the Mariposa Community Credit Union, Kinmount residents no longer have to leave town to do their banking.

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

Kinmount residents have gone through a rough time in recent years with the closing of their bank, school and medical centre, but they're not giving up on the place.

Diane Austin, chair of the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development and reeve of Somerville Township, says the dedication of Kinmount residents is what has finally pulled the village out of the depression it has faced in the past few years.

"We know that our little town is a long way from dying. When the school was removed and the bank, people felt so depressed about the whole thing. But instead of whining, we just got going. Now the little town is booming again."

Since Kinmount's public school closed in 1992, children have had to be bused to Coboconk to attend classes.

A couple of years later, Kinmount's CIBC branch left

town, forcing residents to travel to neighboring towns to do their banking.

Since that time, Kinmount has been threatened with the closure of its post office and dam as well.

And while it was disheartening for residents to see village services being depleted, it gave them the impetus they needed to start restoring their community.

"People are so willing to give their time and their energy and look around and say, what is it that we can do to keep treading upwards," said Austin.

Austin's committee was formed in 1993 to begin work on restoring the old Austin Saw Mill, which it hopes to have operating by the year 2000.

The mill, one of the few in Canada with a sideways water wheel, will be run as a tourist attraction.

Since its formation, the committee has taken on several development projects, including the Kinmount Heritage Park, which was opened in 1995 along with the

Kinmount tourist information centre.

The park, which is maintained by the committee, will soon be expanded and will have a peace pole installed in the fall in memory of former MP Bill Scott.

The committee has also created a video of Kinmount, called *A Dream in the Making*, which it has been using to entice new businesses into the area.

In addition to the June 27 opening of the Mariposa Community Credit Union and the acquisition of a new health centre building, plans are underway to relocate the Kinmount Public Library to the lower level of the Somerville municipal office.

The move will almost double the size of the library, creating the potential for more programs, equipment and books.

Such developments have Austin convinced that Kinmount is well on its way to economic recovery.

"While we're tiny, we never quit working. We never quit seeking out ways of improving things,"

Salerno Lakers fear overcrowding

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Salerno Lake Cottagers Association general meeting August 1.

A study commissioned by a private developer could lead to overcrowding on Salerno Lake, association members fear.

A recent lake capacity study indicates Salerno Lake can accommodate up to 99 lots in addition to those already developed without having a serious impact on its water quality.

The study states, however, that because the lake already houses more than 400 boats, only 22 lots could be developed without depleting the recreational value of the lake.

The study was commissioned by Ross Baker, a private developer who wants to build on several empty lots on the lake.

Lake steward Leo McCarthy said the study might be biased and should be redone at the behest of Salerno Lake residents.

"When there are so many cottages for sale on the lake, it's hard to believe people want to develop new lots, but they do," said McCarthy.

Association members were upset by the prospect of dozens of new cottagers on the lake and have voted to conduct their own preliminary study of the lake's capacity, at a cost of \$2,000 to \$4,000, to check the reliability of the initial report.

Medical centre

Now that Kinmount has a new health care facility, it needs to be able to attract staff, a medical centre official said.

Ted Wilkes of Kinmount and District Health Services said Kinmount has had a difficult time hiring doctors because it has been unable to compete with the financial incentives and signing bonuses offered by other small towns.

"There is a critical shortage of doctors in rural Southern Ontario. It is very difficult for communities such as ours to compete for doctors."

Wilkes said his organization has applied for government funding so that it can offer competitive salaries to attract new staff members.

"The challenge is difficult," he said.

Water quality

While water clarity has increased by one meter over last year, Salerno Lake has had a 100 per cent increase in its phosphorus levels, causing some residents to complain about unwanted vegetation in the lake.

President Steve Davis showed association members a sample of what he thought was Eurasian watermilfoil, an invasive species that grows into dense mats in fresh water, making swimming, boating and fishing difficult.

Davis said he recently discovered the weed, which can take more than 10 years to decline, in Salerno Lake.

Other residents complained about the increase of algae in the

lake, which has been seen floating in thick clumps on the water's surface.

Davis said he had also had a report of a suspected zebra muscle sighting in the lake.

Zebra muscle testing has been done in Salerno Lake and officials are still waiting for the results.

In light of the pervasiveness of zebra muscles in Ontario lakes, Davis said it was probably not a matter of if Salerno Lake would get the muscles, but when.

Cottage Watch

Steve Foster, a Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations director at large, made a guest appearance at the meeting to discuss the Cottage Watch program being implemented by FOCA and the OPP as part of the Rural Crime Prevention Strategy.

The province-wide program encourages cottagers to be aware of neighbors' schedules and to watch for suspicious people and

activities on their lakes.

Foster said that last year more than 3,500 cottage break-ins were reported, a number the OPP would like to see decreased by at least five per cent this year.

Police are offering the use of engraving pens to cottagers to scratch their licence numbers into all valuable property so that it can be identified if retrieved from thieves.

Cottage Where

Haliburton is the only county in the province without plans to implement 9-1-1 services because of its enormous cost, said Foster.

In an effort to help crews locate homes in an emergency, Foster suggested the county begin to collect the latitude and longitude of every home in the area.

The Ministry of Health would then be able to record the co-ordinates in its computer system and quickly respond to emergencies.

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Skateboard park could end property damage in Dysart

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

A skateboard park at Head Lake Park would go a long way toward solving the problems that have arisen this past summer, say two local teenagers who are trying to raise money to see the project go ahead.

"We're just trying to have fun," says 16-year-old skateboarder Luke Merriam. "If we're causing problems it's not cause we want to - there's no where else for us to go."

By paving a part of the park and building ramps, skateboarders would get off the streets and away from paved surfaces at such places as the library, liquor store, arena and the courtyard next to vanLieshout Realty.

Once a park - which they estimate would cost at least \$30,000 - was established, the municipality would be in a better position to impose restrictions banning the use of skateboards on private and public property, he says.

On Sunday, Luke, fellow skateboarder Brian Paul and Greg Shantz of Family Services of Haliburton County took The Echo and Lynda Shadbolt, a Haliburton Rotarian who sits on Dysart et al's recreation committee, on a tour of the park to show three potential sites. Each is approximately 5,000 square feet and the park would be built out of asphalt, wood and cement, with some slopes reaching eight feet high.

One is alongside the parking lot between the Rails' End Gallery and the war memorial,

one is at the far end of the park, overlooking Echo Hills Apartments, and the third is across the river towards the tennis courts. The skateboarders prefer the second option.

Luke and Brian are planning some fund raising activities, such as a car wash today (Tuesday) at Family Services' office in Haliburton, and paying for the opportunity to take a sledgehammer to an old car of Luke's.

"We need as much money as possible and it doesn't seem easy to get it right now," says Luke.

They would also welcome donations in kind, such as an offer to help build the ramps. Other fund raising ideas would also be appreciated.

He realizes that main street merchants' anger over property damage caused by skateboarders hasn't made their quest easier, but says merchants will benefit from the park since it will get skateboarders off the streets.

"Without the businesses' help, this isn't going to work. We're sorry for the damage but it's not that we did it purposefully to get them upset," Brian says.

They have had just as many problems with other skateboarders as the merchants. "People think it's the older kids back-mouthing, but it's a lot of the younger kids (who don't respect requests to get off private property)," Luke says. "We usually don't back-mouth unless we're being harassed."

He says most skateboarders have respected the rules about skateboarding in certain places, such as the liquor store and

library, only after hours. However, one group of skateboarders may be told to leave private property and when another group arrives five minutes later, they're yelled at for not obeying the request, even though they didn't know it had just been made.

"They think we're all friends but we're not," the skateboarders say.

Just as it's hard for adults to police the bad behaviour of other adults, the skateboarders don't know how much they can

do themselves to curb other skateboarders' bad behaviour. "We've seen kids telling some lady where to go... A lot of kids don't have respect" for others.

Yet at the same time, adults don't seem to believe the skateboarders if they try to defend themselves. "The adults always take over when it comes to the truth," Luke says.

He thinks it's unfair for skateboarders to be targeted as the culprits for all the vandalism in the village. "We see things getting busted (by adults) and they

say it's us. We get blamed for all the damage."

Not all of these issues will go away if a skateboard park is built, but Luke and Brian say it will be a good start. They're one of the few groups of kids who don't have an outlet for their sport - hockey players have an arena, golfers have golf courses, football players have high school facilities - and they're willing to work towards making the skateboard park become more than a half-pipe dream.



LOTUS FEST: Haliburton County teenagers Kevin Brezina, left, and Greg Luck, centre, play with Dusan Nedelko two weekend's ago at Lotus Fest. Twenty three bands participated in the music festival at Glebe Park. More than 600 took in performances at the park, including campers and those with day passes.

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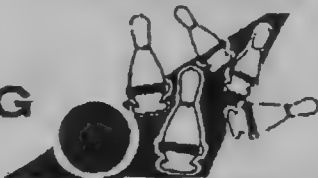
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Meals turn into memories at Sunday Supper Club

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

There might have been 100 meals since the inception of the Sunday Supper Club, but there have been thousands more memories.

On Sunday, August 9, 57 people gathered at the West Guilford Community Centre to celebrate the informal club's 100th meal and to bring people together to forge new ties of friendship and strengthen old ones.

The Sunday Supper Club started eight years ago "to fill help fill the lonely hours on a Sunday" when people, through death of loved ones or other circumstances, found themselves alone. Sunday suppers have traditionally been a time for family, and Nancy Brink decided she could create a family of friends to share a meal with at least once a month.

"It wasn't called a singles club because that was a taboo," Brink said at last Sunday's celebratory meal.

After a few meals at restaurants, the group was large enough to have the meal catered at the community centre. Several years ago, the West Guilford Baptist Church took over the responsibility as a fundraiser and has deliciously been fulfilling the role of chef since then.

"We have feasted royally," said Brink, thanking all those who have helped with the meals for the past 100

times. Having the Baptist Church cook the meals "has been a real blessing to us."

Contributing to the success of the meals have been various entertainers who have brought their talents to the table. The club also celebrates special holidays such as Christmas and Valentine's Day.

Visitors from as far away as Australia, Newfoundland, Africa, Florida and Michigan have joined the group, which has had as many as 65 people at one sitting.

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A family atmosphere:

Nancy Brink, who organized the Sunday Supper Club eight years ago as a way of giving people who were alone the chance to enjoy a special meal on a special day of the week, welcomed diners to the 100th dinner at the West Guilford Community Centre on Sunday, August 9.



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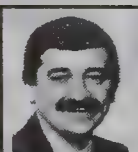
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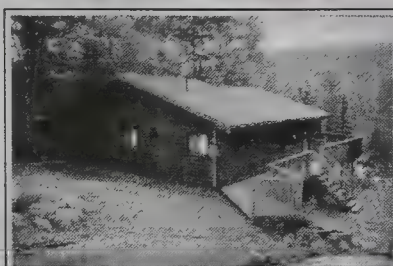


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✿ Artist John Lennard uses vivid oil colours to capture Highlands' landscapes

PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Artist John Lennard's passion for painting sprang from a box, mailed by an older brother on the other side of the country decades ago.

"On my twelfth birthday I got a little set of oils from my brother in Vancouver, and that was it," says Lennard, who opened his second showing at the Rails' End Gallery on Saturday.

As he unwrapped the gift and dipped his brush into the paints, Lennard entered a fascinating new world where he was the creator and vivid colours and rich textures could be turned into striking images.

Lennard (not to be confused with John Leonard, also a painter closely connected to the Highlands) has been captivated ever since.

It takes only a glance at his oil landscapes to understand Lennard has a deep-seeded affection for colour.

The paintings, all scenes in

and around the Highlands, are dominated by warm pinks, purples and reds, dozens of shades of blue and greens of all varieties.

And the colours aren't necessarily where you might expect to find them — evergreen trees are green, but not always the shade of green you might think they are in nature; tree trunks and limbs can come in a variety of purples; and the light blue water in some of Lennard's lakes looks as though it were poured into them from the Caribbean Ocean.

But Lennard makes no excuses for his use of colours.

"Colour is great, and I swear all of those colours are out there. I exaggerate them to get a certain effect, but they are there to one degree or another."

When some people visualize a tree, they think: green leaves, brown trunk. But in the forests around the Highlands, trees come in all colours.

"People have in their heads that a tree trunk is brown, but it's really not. Everything



THE BIG PICTURE: Artist John Lennard works on a section of the four-metre by 20-metre mural he's painting on a side of the Times' building in Minden. Though he's enjoying the project, he says he prefers to paint his landscapes on regular size canvasses.

reflects the colours around it when you really look," says Lennard.

Fortunately for Lennard, enough people like the way he looks at nature that he's been able to turn his art into a full-time career.

Several years after he received the box of paints that got him hooked on painting with oils, Lennard began to seriously study art.

While living in Toronto with his parents, Lennard studied at the Ontario College of Art before moving to New York by himself to study at the Art Students' League.

Though he had to take part-time jobs at some points to pay the bills, Lennard has devoted himself to his painting full-time since his days at school.

Lennard says his love of nature and landscape painting developed through his experiences at the family cottage on Peacock Lake in Stanhope.

In 1989 he and his wife Marie decided to move to the Highlands permanently.

"I said, 'Heck, I'm painting here all the time, I might as well live here'."

The couple lives for the spring and summer at a cottage on Big Hawk Lake and spends the fall and winter at a property on nearby Mountain Lake.

When he isn't in the studio painting, Lennard is usually out

are cast across the snow."

And in an area of the province as vast and beautiful as the Highlands, there seems to be a limitless supply of subject material.

"I think you could almost paint here forever," says Lennard. "You could almost sit in the same spot and just move slightly and get a dozen different paintings."

Lennard is currently working on the largest painting of his life. He was commissioned to paint the first of several murals that will go up on buildings in the village of Minden.

Lennard's "canvass" is a four-metre by 20-metre wall on the Minden Times' office.

"It's been a learning experience. I think I prefer the regular canvass, but it's been a lot of fun."

The huge landscape, a compilation of scenes from along the Gull River and the surrounding area, should be finished in a couple of weeks.

Lennard's show at the Rails' End Gallery, which began Aug. 15 and runs until Sept. 12, includes paintings created over the past year.

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JOHN LENNARD

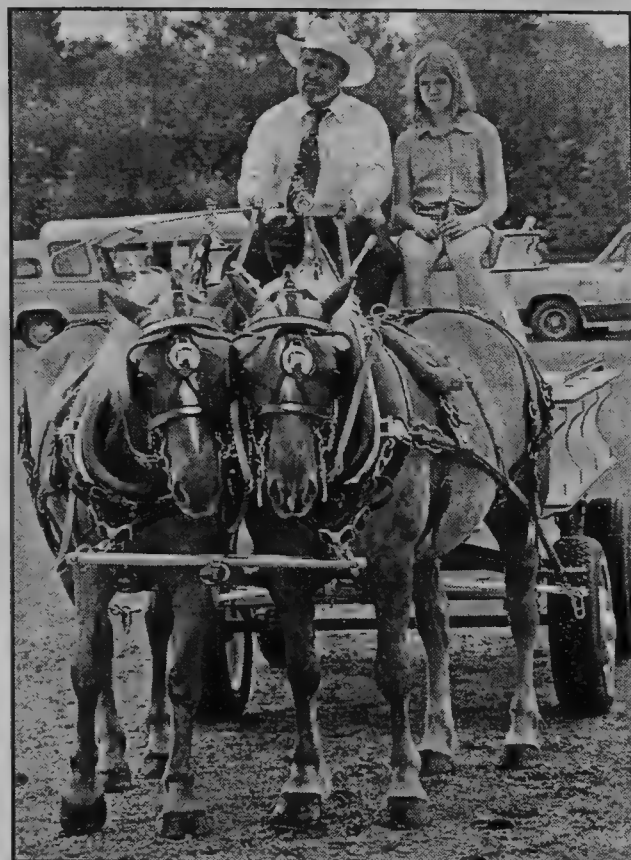
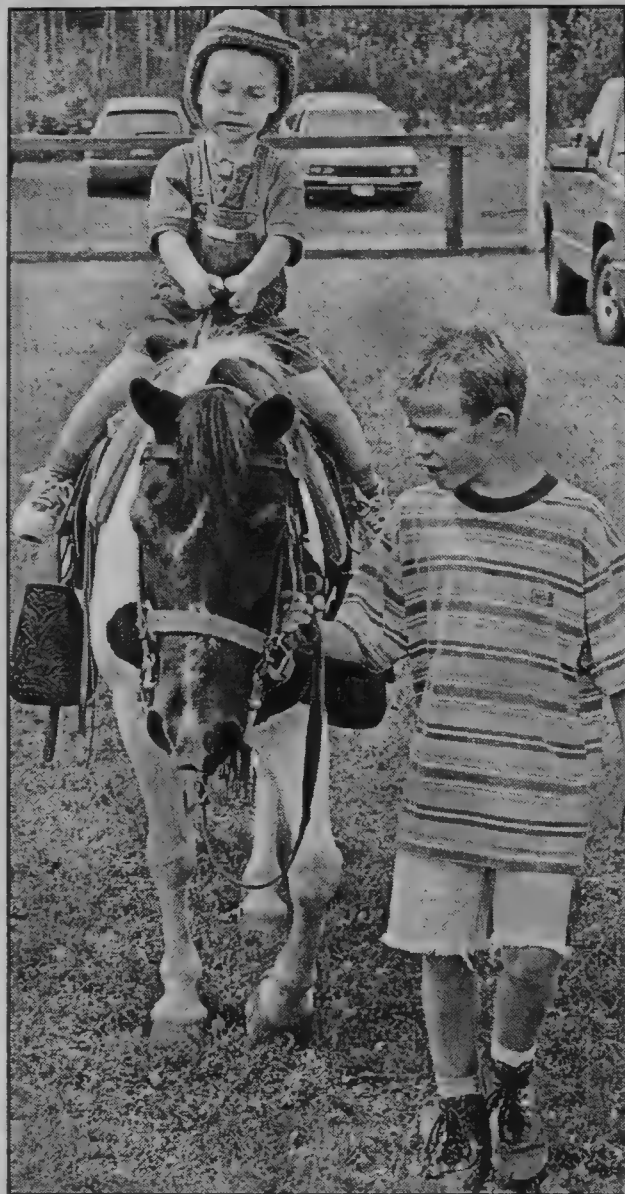
hiking or canoeing, enjoying the outdoors and looking for potential scenes to paint.

It usually doesn't take long before something catches his eye and sets his imagination to work.

"I look for the way something hits me — the way the light hits a tree or the way the shadows

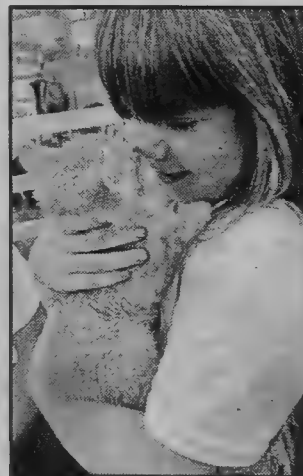


John Lennard canoes and hikes through the Highlands looking for scenes to paint. His work is currently on display at the Rails' End Gallery.

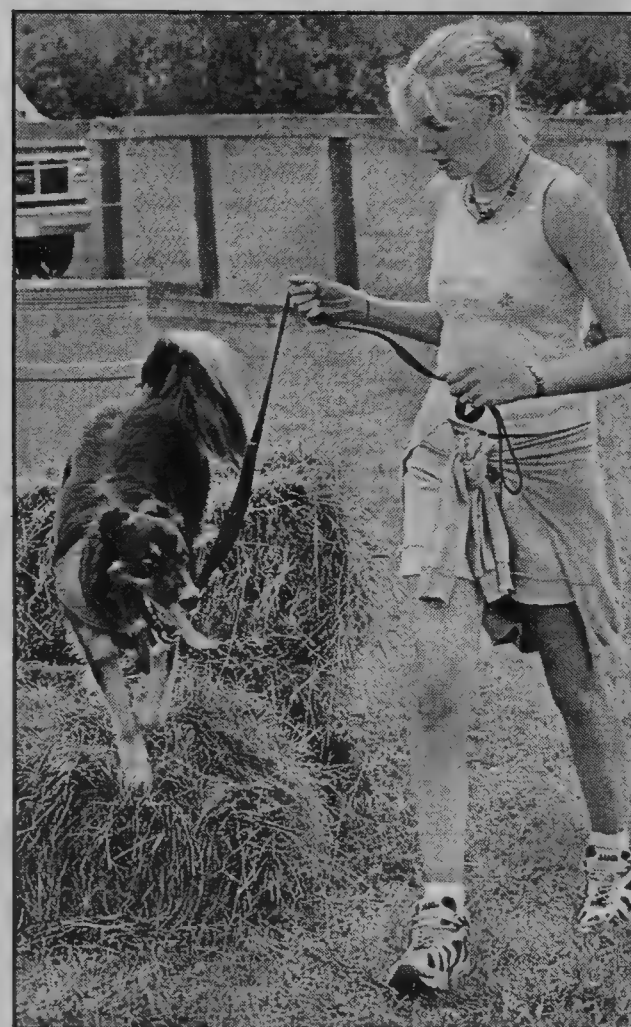


Monmouth Agricultural Fair

Enjoying the good times at Monmouth's agricultural fair two weekend's ago were (clockwise, from top left): Chris Sinclair with pet Arlo and his new friend, Pebbles; Mitchel Fisher on a pony ride led by Rob Stethem; a horse team competes; Erika Howe leads dog through the course; Ashley Francis makes friends with a kitten and children get up close to ponies.



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Peter Downs



We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to all those who participated in the recent Bowl-A-Thon at Carnarvon Lanes. Because of the hundreds of people who donated so generously, a cheque in the amount of \$7,600.00 was presented to Diane Springstein, Director of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. A special thanks goes to Spira and Greg Nitsos for the use of the lanes at no charge and to the Boshkung Lake Cottagers Association for their generous donation of \$1,000.00 with the promise of another \$1,000.00 at a later date. Special mention should also be made regarding the outstanding effort made by Ian Comrie and Marcel Rouselle. Many businesses in the area contributed prizes which added to the fun and success. It would be impossible to thank everyone who contributed but following is a list of those who donated prizes.



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MNR shares wildlife studies with Percy Lake cottagers

SYLVIA WINDER

Percy Lake Secretary

On the beautiful summer evening of August 2, the cottagers of Percy Lake gathered their lawn chairs together for the Annual General Meeting.

Following the general business, Dana Kinsman of the Ministry of Natural Resources addressed the group.

There had been mention of the Community Fisheries Involvement Program and Dana explained that this would involve the netting of lake trout to determine whether they were natural or stocked.

She explained that should there be a large percentage of natural lake trout, then the Ministry would cease stocking the lake.

This is usually done in mid-September. They will also be checking for spawning beds and if the lake does not have adequate beds, the CFIP is conducive to getting volunteers together to create them.

Kinsman then went on to her chosen topic - bears. She gave a brief biological summary of the bear's life i.e. maturation age is five or six years and a sow will have cubs every two years. We have a healthy bear population, but we are not overrun.

She then pointed out ways of ensuring that bears are not attracted around the cottage. For instance, the importance of not leaving garbage outside which will attract other animals as well as bears.

Bears normally do not hunt humans, however, should a bear become a nuisance around a cottage, there is a bear removal system to release them in another area.

At this point, the Ministry is responsible for this program but is currently looking into privatizing it. (On a side note, the Ministry is no longer responsible for the removal of nuisance beavers. This is done by trappers.)

Kinsman also pointed out that the bear hunt is not decimating the bear population and stressed that it is illegal to kill a sow with cubs.

Bears are solitary animals and do not travel in packs, therefore it is difficult to get a good solid count.

The Ministry estimates there is one bear for 50 square kilometers and generally large males will cover a larger area.

Should you see a bear while walking in the bush, there are many suggestions of what to do but the best is to stay calm.

Kinsman then went on to her next topic - wolves. There is the Grey wolf, Timber wolf and Tweed wolf, and 85% of these remain in their historical range.

Generally wolves do not hunt livestock or humans; however, there has been a lot of publicity on the confrontation of

wolves with farmers and their livestock. This is a very emotional topic because wolves kill deer and moose as well.

The government spends \$750,000 per year to compensate farmers who lose livestock to wolves or coyotes.

Currently wolves do not have a status and Jean Thiberge from the University of Waterloo is doing a study on wolves in Algonquin Park to obtain more information to give them proper status.

It is difficult to keep track of the number of wolves as it is not necessary to report when a wolf is killed and it is rare that a wolf will be seen wandering. The township can pay a bounty to remove a nuisance wolf.

On a final note, Kinsman mentioned that Ontario had the highest count of Fox rabies reported in a study done in 1996. It is expected that rabies will be eliminated by the year 2001.

This is due to a good bating program which effectively vaccinates the foxes. It has brought fox rabies down 92%.

There have been no problems with foxes in this area.

If it is necessary to shoot a fox, then it would be preferable to shoot in the body so the brain tissue can be analyzed. If you do have a fox problem, please contact the MNR.

Meanwhile, there are no raccoon rabies in Ontario.

We have had good success in minimizing movement of this disease across the border. We are sharing our technology with the United States.

After opening the floor to questions, Jim Shephard thanked Kinsman for her enthusiastic presentation.

Our next speaker, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, opened with a reference to Actual Value Assessment and a promise of higher taxes.

Unlike the urban centres, Fearrey explained that it would not be possible to phase in the tax increase and that the new rate would be approximately 0.0096.

The Ontario government had promised 1998 to be revenue neutral; however, a lot of responsibilities have been deferred until later, such as highways and policing.

The municipality is considering establishing a special funding for policing.

The increases are due to assessment changes and each owner should look carefully at their assessment. This may be different for seasonal people.

The municipality has a good working arrangement with our Ontario member of parliament, Chris Hodgson.

Some projects have turned out to be long-term commitments.

One of the questions from the floor brought up the increased number of break-ins on the lake.

Fearrey suggested an alarm system

which may deter the offender, also labelling certain objects would make these easier to trace. A Community Watch also helps.

Another question brought up the mention of a one-time hospital levy that has been suggested in a previous presentation.

Fearrey explained that the hospital tender closed on Friday, July 31 - \$16,000,000.

The county will pick up \$5-million. Fearrey convinced the municipality not to have a one-shot deal until they see what the shortfall is and re-address the possibility in two years.

There was also mention of the tree cutting by-law. It was pointed out that one of the lots on Haliburton Lake has had all its trees cut down.

Fearrey responded that they were fool-

ish to do this but, unfortunately, this could not always be controlled.

Warren Currie, president of the association, then thanked Fearrey for taking the time to come to our meeting and invited everyone to partake of the coffee and dessert.

Briefly the content of the general business of the meeting included Warren Currie outlining the three initiatives of the association: Cottage Watch program, a Fire Response System, and the Community Fisheries Involvement Program. Dennis Woodbridge, treasurer, gave the financial status report.

Richard Graesser, vice president, gave the following fish awards: Junior Bass - Geordie Linford; Junior Trout - Geoff Bolton; Senior Bass - Herman Wenghoefer; and Senior Trout - Harry Winder.

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things to do in the Haliburton Highlands

Every Tuesday Children's Story Hour at 3 p.m. at the Haliburton Library, until the end of August.

August 18 BOOM sailing program for children, Drag Lake. Call 457-3773 for information.

August 26 R & R Jr. Golf Tournament, \$7 registration payable in advance. Deadline August 23. Males and females, ages 10 - 15. Green fees payable day of tournament. Call 457-4072 to register or for more info.

August 27 Haliburton Highlands Twirlers Summer Square Dancing. Basic, Mainstream, Plus at the Haliburton Legion, 7 - 9:30. Call 457-1328.

August 27 Duplicate Bridge, 1 p.m. (every Thursday) at Home Support. For further information call 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.

September 5 5th Annual Haliburton Forest 100 Mile Run (50 mile and 50 k. alternative), 6 a.m. If interested in participating or volunteering, call Helen Malmberg, 416-422-5130.

September 5 Bob Hunter Memorial Horseshoe Tournament, 11 a.m. For info call 447-3092.

September 8 Knitter's Group, Guild of Fine Arts are holding a BBQ luncheon at the home of Margaret and George Bull, 457-2124 to raise money for the Teleradiology Unit. The beef will be donated by Honeymans Beef Purveyors' representative Dave Bull. The members are bringing salads, desserts, condiments, a few friends and folding chairs. Fill your car, come and have a good time.

September 14 Are you looking for a new volunteer challenge? Join the Dynamic Team at the Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre. Our extensive Volunteer Training will prepare you to work in front line services, public education and fundraising. This is your opportunity to support your community. For more info on volunteering with us, contact Theresa at 748-5901.

September 20 Annual Fall Supper, Our Lady of Mercy Church, 196 Bridge St. W., Bancroft, 1 - 6 p.m. All you can eat. Bingo: 1 - 4 p.m. Mass at 12:15 p.m. for visitors. Adults \$9. Children under 12, \$4. Children under 3, free.

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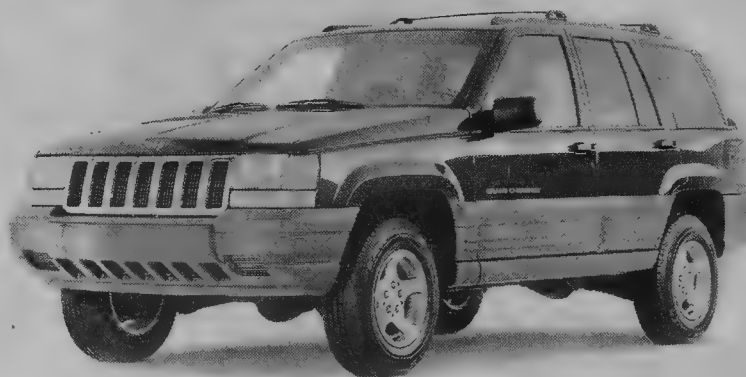
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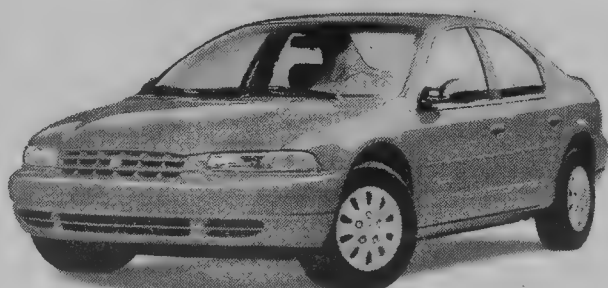


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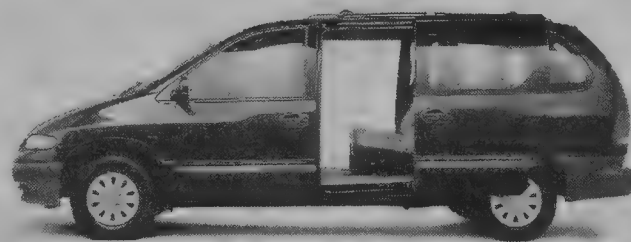
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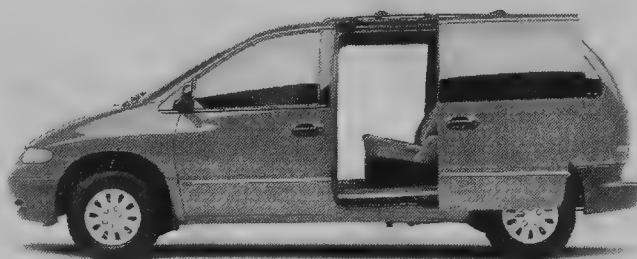
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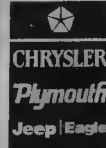
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Outpost museum celebrates six-year anniversary

■ *Wilberforce's Red Cross Outpost is the first museum of its kind in the province*

An amazing crowd of well-wishers gathered on the evening of Saturday, August 15 to celebrate the sixth anniversary of the opening of the local museum.

Yes, the historic Red Cross Outpost, first in Ontario, has been operating as a museum for six full years.

The black iron pot steaming full of corn over a crackling fire brought back memories and tales of bygone days.

The freshly cooked corn, the hot dogs and the anniversary cake were enjoyed by young and old, by old-timers, "new-comers" and visitors.

With several rooms restored

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to appear as they were between 1922 and 1963, with ongoing

special displays and activities, with the building and the grounds in good shape, the Wilberforce Heritage Guild, and all Monmouth and surrounding area supporters can truly celebrate the accomplishments. Now on to continued challenges to keep the momentum going.

The Collection Day on Tuesday, August 11 brought out the volcano display by Alfretta O'Rourke, the collection of

delightful greeting and announcement cards of Colleen Riley, and the souvenir spoons of Hilda Clark. What interesting tales and bits of history get related as the collections are examined.

A Jack and Jill party was held at Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre on Saturday, August 15 for soon-to-be-wed, Jennifer Coumbs and Jason Crane.

WOODS

GRAD:

Amanda Woods, daughter of Tim and Rickie Woods, recently graduated from Sir Sandford Fleming College, Peterborough with diplomas in International Trade and Marketing. She is currently employed by Hiram Walker Distillers, Windsor, Ontario.



McMAHON

GRAD:

Jamie McMahon, son of Katherine Hodgson-McMahon and grandson of Barbara and the late J. Douglas Hodgson, Haliburton, graduated from Brock University on June 11, 1998 with the degree of Bachelor of Recreation and Leisure Studies. Jamie travels to Garden Valley, Texas this month to enroll as a student in Teen Mania Ministries and will be involved with 'Acquire the Fire' youth conventions.

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Hornet sting restores movement to man's arm

■ *Verlum Township man's stiff limb is as good as new after his run-in with a yellow jackets' nest*

We had occasion to call on Joe Shell over Bury's Green, Verlum Township, last week. He disturbed a yellow jackets' nest and got nailed for his intrusion!

Well, Joe has not been able to lift his arms as high as you and I in a long time. Since the yellow jackets jabbed him - presto - a cure for his crippled limbs!

The arthritis or whatever was cured by their venom and now he can wash his own neck, turn down his own shirt collar, or swat that mosquito - his arm works great!

It's great that some good has come out of the hornets' attacks!

Recent winners in the Coboconk IGA draw for \$100 worth of free groceries were: Hollie Cox, Susan Mantall and Rick Page. Don't forget to shop IGA on Wednesdays and maybe you'll be the lucky one to win the \$100 prize.

The 16th annual "Brohm" reunion will be held on Saturday, August 22 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Balsam Lake Provincial Park. Bring refreshments (salads, cold cuts, desserts, tea, coffee or pop, and your own cutlery, and meet the relatives.

Winner of the customer appreciation draw at the post office, was Gloria

Campbell. She won a set of 1998 coins.

Sympathy goes out to Jean Bellinger of Bexley in the death of her son, John.

Sympathy also goes out to the family of the late Doran Lee who passed away suddenly; also to the family of the late Frank Bacon and the family of the late Dean Leary, all friends and neighbours.

Sympathy goes out to the family of the late Dorcus Grant, a former neighbour, who died this week in Lindsay.

Gary LaPlante was honoured recently on his "senior" birthday.

Congratulations to Dorothy Powell, Eva Pearce and hubby Grant, who have just had seniors birthdays, ages 79 to 80 years.

Gladys Routley and other relatives attended the wedding of her late sister's grandson, Christopher Bumbacco and Trisha Korbett of Sault Ste. Marie last weekend.

Grant and I spent the weekend with son Bob and wife Marilyn in Peterborough recently.

Happy 40th wedding anniversary to Lavern and Ruby Greer on August 13.

Get well wishes to Mr. Connor of Kozy Kove, Burnt River, who has been sharing a hospital room with my husband, Grant, who went into Ross Memorial Hospital on August 11.

Other local folks who have been in Ross Memorial Hospital are Stella Barbour and Bob Barbour, Marg Michel and Ingram Wessell.

The family of Dorothy Powell held a surprise 80th birthday party for her on

Sunday afternoon. Daughter, Audrey Downes, had taken Dorothy out for a drive, and when they returned home, a host of well-wishers were there to welcome Dorothy.

Jack Lettner of Toronto, and Davis Lake Road at Kinmount, had heart surgery in Toronto on Monday. Jack is well known in assessment offices across Ontario, and has been waiting for some weeks for his surgery.

Thanks Jeff for phoning us about your dad, and get well soon, Jack! Jack has not

been up to his Davis Lake Road farm in a long time so now will be able to enjoy the wide open spaces of Kinmount soon. His daughter, Debbie, a doctor in Oshawa, had

forbade dad to travel!

My sister Ada Fisher of Lindsay and our brother, Walter Marles of Beaverton, went with me to Newmarket on Monday, where we attended the funeral of a dear sister-in-law, Ellen Marles, wife of our deceased brother Russell. Russell and Ellen lived near East Gwillimbury.

While down that way, brother Walter directed us to the original settlement of the Marles family, who came from Wales.

While visiting Grant in hospital on Wednesday, we heard one of his favourite nurses, Maggie Jewell, being serenaded by a couple of orderlies, singing "happy birthday to you, happy birthday dear Maggie." So now we know

her birthday is August 12. She looks "25," but could be older. She reads "Coby" news!

David Marles spent last week in Toronto with cousin, Art Swash, while Art's sister, Mary Kershaw, and Evelyn Marles, spent the week at Fairhaven Bible Camp at Bolsover.

Coby's famous singers, "The Unicorns," sang at the Fenelon Falls Baptist Church last Sunday.

Rev. Art. Bartlett and his wife, Ruth, of Lindsay, Ruth's sister and her husband, Roselyn and Jacob, from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and Rev. Peter Asimah from Ghana, Africa, were recent visitors of Mrs. Myrtle Faulkner.

Jim Johnston and family of Gloucester were recently visiting his father, Nat Johnston, at Woodville. He phoned me to inquire about some of his old Fenelon Falls high school friends from some 30 years ago.

He inquired about our son, Bob, about Louie Marles, about Leslie Shields and Kay Weaver. Does any reader know where Kay Weaver is or her married name? Jim met up with our Bob at Peterborough, and they had a good visit.

Get well wishes to Hartley Newell of Gelert, who has had back surgery recently.

I had tea with Claire Brooks at Lutterworth pines, at Minden last week, and got caught up on family news. Also had a visit with Marilyn Southorn of Lindsay who came along.

On Friday, I enjoyed a short visit with Stella McLeish in Lindsay.

Ruth Black, daughter Laurie and kids from Barrie, recently visited Ruth's son, Craig, in Calgary.

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Former Dorset man speaks about his war camp experience

■ *TV documentary explores life inside a Nazi concentration camp during WWII*

A friend called me from Minden with some interesting news.

He had been watching TV the previous evening and they were showing a documentary on German prisoner of war camps during the Second World War. Stalag 14 was the subject camp.

I don't know how many survivors are still alive who spent time in Stalag 14, but one we know is Joe Mennel. Joe was on television being interviewed about his wartime experiences, especially his time at Stalag 14.

I understand that Joe was cap-

tured in 1943 and was there until the end of the war.

I'm sure many people in the area remember Joe and Marjory. Joe was director of the Forest Ranger School (now the Frost Centre) for a number of years. He and his wife were active members of the community and the Knox United Church. When they left our area, they moved to Aylmer, where Joe took the position of director of the Ontario Police Academy. They still live in Aylmer.

Truman Wright saw the program and called Joe the next morning, and reports they are fine, and they did a lot of reminiscing. When Truman first came to the school Joe was still there, so they had a number of mutual acquaintances and friends, (what are left of that era).

Birthday greetings to Sarah

Alexander, Bas Weatherall, and Mary Howard. Happiness to all.

A chance to enjoy a full course turkey dinner before Thanksgiving! On Saturday, August 29, at the Dwight Community Centre, a turkey

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dinner will be served with tickets for 4:30 and 6:30 settings. Adults \$10, children under 12, \$5. Tickets may be obtained from any Lake of Bays United Church member. Call Bea, 789-2815, Jan, 635-1345, or Cheryl, 766-0758. Come and enjoy a sumptuous dinner and forget

the dishwashing for one evening.

Ted and Gloria Morris have had a busy summer so far, enjoying visiting family members. Bonnie and John Leslie from Longlac and children were here for a visit. Their oldest boy, Jason, was attending the Haliburton Hockey Haven and living at the Frost Centre. Jason reports having a great week of hockey which he thoroughly enjoyed. Debbie, who lives in Nanaimo, B.C., is visiting, and the family is taking a trip to Timmins to visit Jennifer and family, who live there. Then to Longlac for a short visit. After that, Debbie will be here for a week or two and hopes to renew old acquaintances.

The Friends of Fairvern wish to thank the ladies who tagged for the Fairvern Nursing Home recently, realizing \$200 for the

cause. The money will go toward the purchase of a much-needed bath trolley, used to help patients who can help themselves. The ladies who tagged were Joyce McKey, Karen Knutt, Janeen Byman, Shirley Cunningham and Ebba Russell.

Fairvern Nursing Home needs volunteer held badly, especially with all the cutbacks in funding. Help is needed in the gift shop, on the front desk and in many other areas. So, if you wish to be a volunteer, you would be more than welcome. Gloria Morris, who has been a volunteer at Fairhaven for several years, would be glad to hear from you at 766-2257.

H.H. If you write the names and ages of people, and the date taken on the back of pictures when first taken, it will save a lot of guessing in later years.

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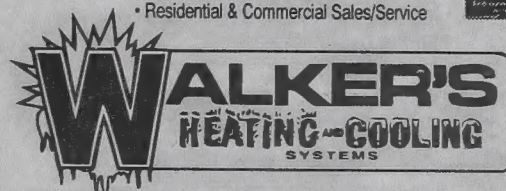
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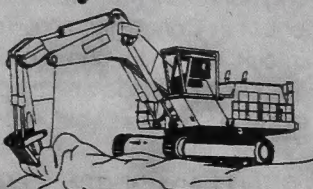
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Please take notice that the Council of the County of Haliburton has enacted a by-law, By-Law #2263 to provide property tax rebates to eligible charities in certain situations.

Tax rebates are available to registered charities occupying property zoned industrial or commercial, if the charity is responsible for the taxes.

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Please take notice that the Council of the County of Haliburton has enacted a by-law, By-Law #2231 to provide tax assistance to elderly and disabled property owners from tax increases resulting from the Province-wide reassessment.

Tax assistance is offered in the form of a deferral of the assessment related tax increase that exceeds \$300.00 on homes valued at \$125,000.00 or less. Eligible property owners are persons receiving benefits under the Ontario Disability Support Program or the Family Benefits Act, or who are at least 65 years of age and receiving an increment under the Guaranteed Income Supplement of the Old Age Security Act.

Application forms and copies of the by-law may be obtained at the County Office or any one of the Township Municipal Offices. Applications must be submitted to Township Municipal Offices on or before September 30, 1998.

Leslie A. Shepherd CAO
P.O. Box 399
11 Newcastle Street
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0



Municipality of Dysart et al NOTICE

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared a portion of a shoreline road allowance in front of Part of Lot 12, in Concession IX, on Wildgoose Lake, in the geographic Township of Guilford, in the County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, September 14th, 1998, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the said shoreline road allowance in front of Part Lot 12, in Concession IX on Wildgoose Lake, in the geographic Township of Guilford, in the County of Haliburton.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Part 1, and Part 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson, OLS, and dated June 29th, 1998, being available for inspection in the office of the Planning Administrator at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the municipal Office during regular office hours (9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday).
DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 21st day of July, 1998.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Planning Administrator

The Corporation of the Township of Sherborne, McClintock, Livingstone, Lawrence and Nightingale

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Sherborne, McClintock, Livingstone, Lawrence and Nightingale proposes to enact a By-Law to stop up, close and sell that part of the original shore road allowance set out and described as follows:

FIRSTLY: Township of McClintock, County of Haliburton, being part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 4, Concession 11, Township of McClintock, designated as Parts 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 on Plan 19R-6397; and

SECONDLY: Township of McClintock, County of Haliburton, being part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 4, Concession 11, Township of McClintock, designated as Parts 6, 7, 8 and 9 on Plan 19R-6448.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, Main Street, Dorset, Ontario, on the 14th day of September, 1998, at the hour of 8:30 o'clock a.m. and at that time the Council will hear any person or by his Counsel, Solicitor or Agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

DATED: August 6, 1998

Diane J. Griffin
Clerk-Treasurer,
Corporation of the Township of Sherborne,
McClintock, Livingstone, Lawrence and
Nightingale

This original shore road allowance is located in front of Lot 4, Concession 11, Township of McClintock, along the shore of Oxtongue Lake and upon being closed and stopped up will be sold to owners of land abutting.

Parts 6, 7, 11 and 14, 19R-6397-Sanderson;
Parts 12, 13, 15 and 16 on 19R-6397 and Part 9 on 19R-6448-Ministry of Natural Resources;
Parts 6, 7 and 8, 19R-6448 - Schell



Request for Proposal

Lakeside Building Business Opportunity

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Training Centre invites sealed proposals for the usage of the Lakeside Building located at the Leslie M. Frost Centre in Dorset, Ontario as per the terms, conditions and specifications outlined in the proposal documents.

The duration of the subsequent agreement is to be two years from the commencement date of September 1, 1998. This proposal contains provisions to extend the duration of the usage to August 31, 2002 upon the mutual agreement of the parties involved.

Prospective bidders must attend a mandatory on-site meeting on Monday, August 24, 1998 at 1:30 p.m. (local time) at the Leslie M. Frost Centre. This meeting will allow prospective bidders to inspect the site and to have staff answer any related questions.

Conditions, proposal forms and envelopes may be obtained from the address below. Please specify **Proposal #P-PET-98-053** when requesting information from:

Ministry of Natural Resources
Purchasing Services
300 Water Street
3rd Floor, North Tower
Peterborough ON K9J 3C7
Tel.: (705) 755-2375
Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For further technical information, please contact **Alfred Tortter** at (705) 766-0582 or fax (705) 766-9677. For further administrative information, please contact **Fred Pedosiuk** at (705) 755-2375 or fax (705) 755-2508 (see address above).

Proposals must be received before 2:00 p.m. (local time) on Friday August 28, 1998. Proposals will be opened publicly at the same address on Friday August 28, 1998 at 2:15 p.m. (local time) Proposals received after the closing date/time will be returned unopened.

The lowest, highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Request for Public Comments on Proposed Submissions for Long-Term Care Facility Beds.

Haliburton, Northumberland and
Victoria Counties
200 Beds Project LTC98005

On April 29, 1998, the Ontario government announced a \$1.2 billion expansion of Ontario's long-term care system. As a result of this initiative, proposals to develop new long-term care facility beds in Haliburton, Northumberland and Victoria Counties were requested.

The next phase of the process involves inviting the public to comment on the applicants who have bid for the beds. If you or your group wish to comment on one or more of the applicants, this may be done at a public meeting or through a written submission. You must pre-register 48 hours prior to the meeting. Details regarding this meeting and/or mailing address for written submissions can be found below.

For more information on this initiative and/or to receive a list of the applicants bidding for these beds, please call the number listed below.

Haliburton, Northumberland and Victoria Counties Public Meeting

Wednesday, August 26, 1998

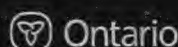
10:00 am - 5:00 pm

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Call 1-888-668-4636 or fax (416) 327-4486 to pre-register and to receive a list of applicants. Written submissions may be handed in at the public meeting or sent to:

Ministry of Health
2195 Yonge Street, 10th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 1G2
Fax: (416) 327-4486



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Visitors flock to Hyland Crest as summer tourism boom hits county

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We are sure that this summer has been very beneficial to the businesses in the area. Visitors to our home have commented all season about how busy it is everywhere.

Everyone, it seems, has lots to do so we really do appreciate those of you who come to our home for all kinds of activities and events.

For instance, on Aug. 6, the Sarah Group of the UCW, Minden, hosted our tea party. Many thanks to all of you. We enjoyed our tea party immensely, the food was delicious.

In fact, one of our residents was heard to report that it was the best chocolate cake she had ever tasted. Maybe a few of you out there may be interested in hunting up the recipe for it.

Also at our tea party was Rev. John Burgess helping out. So glad to have you back again, John. We really missed you. Hope you continue to improve.

In the afternoon, on the following day, we participated in

bingo.

The weekend was fairly quiet for most of us, however, on Saturday afternoon a short trip was planned for those who have problems participating in most activities.

This group enjoyed a visit to Kawartha Dairy where they tucked into their ice cream treats.

Also, on the weekend, many of us were very happy to have Rev. John Burgess once again for pastoral visitations.

On Monday, Aug. 10, our monthly meeting of our residents council took place. It was well attended. We learned of upcoming activities and also reviewed some past ones. Afterwards we enjoyed some ice cream.

The following day, chapel took place in the morning and in the afternoon the craft group met. They are busy making articles for our bazaar.

That evening we were entertained by "A Joyful Noise," a wonderful group of gospel singers from Wilberforce Full Gospel Church. The music was just great and thoroughly enjoyed by all. We thank you so much for coming and hope you can return sometime in the future.

Wednesday, Aug. 12, was a

great day for quite a few of us. A full Hyland Rover left here about 9 a.m. and headed to Bracebridge for a boat cruise on the Lady Muskoka.

What a wonderful day we had. The weather was just perfect, a beautiful sunny day, not too hot or windy.

The lunch served on board was absolutely delicious and the crew so courteous - a very successful trip.

Many, many thanks to our activity staff and volunteers who made this outing possible. We arrived back about 4 p.m., a tired but very happy bunch.

Our suppers lately have included fresh vegetables from our own gardens. It has been great to eat our own veggies.

Before we go we wish to send our happy birthday greetings to Muriel Harrison who will celebrate on August 23.

Also we send our apologies to Walter and Vera Stevens for our error in last week's column. We reported that Walter and Vera Roberts enjoyed visits from three generations. Sorry Walter and Vera for this goof-up. Talk about a mental block, eh?

Anyway, that's it folks. Enjoy your days until we talk with you again next week.



Municipality of Dysart et al

NOTICE

TO OWNERS OF
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY

Bill 16 has made provision for land owners with gross leases to be able to pass on a portion of the property taxes or BIA levies to tenants occupying commercial or industrial property. The Ministry of Finance, Tax Policy Branch, has established a formula to calculate the maximum amount you may charge your tenant.

Please call the Municipal Office (705-457-1740) if you need the information relating to your property.

Donna L. McCallum,
Clerk-Administrator

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Municipality of Dysart et al

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- Position reports directly to the Arena Manager
- Position will require a general knowledge of cleaning, carpentry and maintenance of equipment
- Ice making experience would be an asset.
- Position may be seasonal.
- Complete job description available from the Municipal Office.

Applications will be accepted at the
Dysart Municipal Office
P.O. Box 389
Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0

until Noon, Friday, September 11, 1998

Donna L. McCallum
Clerk/Administrator



Municipality of Dysart et al

Requires an
ARENA MANAGER

To Manage the Dysart Et Al Arena

- Position will include scheduling, training and supervision of staff.
- Excellent written and verbal communication and time management skills are essential.
- complete job description available from the Municipal Office.

Applications will be accepted at the
Dysart Municipal Office
P.O. Box 389
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until Noon, Friday, September 11, 1998

Donna L. McCallum
Clerk/Administrator

NOTICES NOTICES NOTICES

AMENDMENT TO TENDER

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit gives notice that tender documents for the provision of computer equipment and software supplied to prospective suppliers between August 7 and August 13, 1998 were incomplete. Tender dates have been changed as follows:

Complete tender documents are available from any HKPRD Health Unit office until 4:30 p.m., September 4, 1998. Closing date for receipt of tenders is 12 noon, September 11, at the Port Hope office, addressed to the attention of the Director of Administration Services.

Tenders will be opened 10:00 a.m., September 14 at the Port Hope office.

Port Hope 200 Rose Glen Rd. 905-885-9100	Brighton 35 Alice St 613-475-0933	Campbellford 22 Duxsee Ave. S. 705-653-1550
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Lindsay 108 Angeline St. S. 705-324-3569	Haliburton Hwy. 118 705-457-1391
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Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District

Health Unit

All information obtained through the solicitation of tenders will be governed by the provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act, 1990, as amended.

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Summer brings visitors to Guilford

Kay and Perry Morrison spent a long weekend with Gerald and Barb Morrison in Linwood, Ontario.

To include Stanhope news: Jock and Bette Mavor hosted Jock's cousin and his wife, John and Elizabeth Napier.

The Perthshire Strathspey and Reel band was also in the area. The band's performance took place at the Legion in Haliburton on August 14 to a full house.

The Bice/Boice reunion was August 15 and 16 in Kearney. Earl is to pipe at the church at the dedication of the bell tower in memory of

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

Ralph Bice.

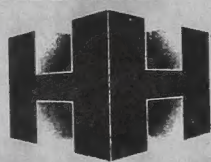
In the recent Home Support Services, the services offered are still as follows: Meals on Wheels, Home Maintenance Repair, Alzheimers Support, Transportation, Wheels to

Meals, Emergency Response System, Friendly Visiting, Social Recreational Services, Home Help, Security or Reassurance, which simply involves a registered volunteer visiting or phoning to check the health and safety of a client. Call 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.

I can only suppose that nothing of interest has happened in the community or that people are too busy to phone in their news.

The most exciting report from our place is that the garden is producing all too well and food, especially the apples, has to be processed!

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